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## **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

**H-7064 OUTDOOR WOOD-FIRED HYDRONIC HEATERS** (Gallison & Others) This act would regulate the sale and installation of outdoor wood-fired hydronic heaters. Local building officials would have the authority to enforce provisions regarding types of heaters, manner of installation, and permitted fuels. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7198 BUILDING PLANS: FIRE MARSHAL APPROVAL** (Schadone & Others) This act would reduce from 90 days to 15 days the time within which a complete set of building plans must be approved or disapproved by the state Fire Marshal's Office prior to a building permit being issued. This time frame also would apply to plans relating to the construction or rehabilitation of certain residential dwellings. Corporations

**H-7218 BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS** (Schadone & Others) This act would authorize an applicant who is seeking a physical alteration permit from the director of the Department of Transportation to simultaneously submit a request for access to the local planning board as part of the building permit process. Municipal Government

**H-7584 HISTORIC DISTRICT STRUCTURES** (Segal & Others) This act would expand the scope of an historic district commission's review powers in evaluating whether to issue a certificate of appropriateness when a project calls for a structure to be demolished or relocated. Municipal Government

**H-7589Aaa STATE BUILDING CODE: PHYSICAL ALTERATION PERMITS** (Serpa & Others) This act would reduce the time frame in which a building official must reject the application or issue a building permit from 60 calendar days to 30 calendar days for construction of a new residential dwelling. It also would require the issuance of a physical alteration permit for a building permit to be issued when the application requires access to state highways, and would establish options for the applicant if the timeline for approval or disapproval is not achieved. Municipal Government

**H-7642 BUILDING PLANS: FIRE MARSHAL APPROVAL** (Walsh & Others) This act would reduce from 90 days to 15 days the time within which a complete set of building plans must be approved or disapproved by the state Fire Marshal's Office prior to a building permit being issued. This time frame also would apply to plans relating to the construction or rehabilitation of certain residential dwellings. Corporations

**H-7706 BUILDING PLANS: FIRE MARSHAL APPROVAL** (Serpa & Others) This act would reduce from 90 days to 15 days the time within which a complete set of building plans must be approved or disapproved by the state Fire Marshal's Office prior to a building permit being issued. This time frame also would apply to plans relating to the construction or rehabilitation of certain residential dwellings. Corporations

**H-7718 WOOD BURNING STOVES** (Handy & Gallison) This act would require the phase-out of wood stoves without Environmental Protection Agency certification in densely populated residential areas. Local fire authorities would have the responsibility to inspect wood stoves for an EPA certification label, and issue notices of violations with copies sent to local law enforcement authorities. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7796 BOILER INSPECTION AND PRESSURE VESSELS** (Serpa & Others) This act would expand the types of buildings that would be exempt from the state mandated requirements of boiler and pressure system inspections based on the size of the water heater. This exemption also would now apply to public buildings and schools. Labor

**H-7974 BUILDING INSPECTORS** (McCauley) This act would establish the categories of Building Inspectors-1 and Building Inspectors-2, with the qualifications for both being amended from current requirements for "Building Inspectors" including certification by the International Code Council. Municipal Government

**H-8101 FIRE SAFETY CODE** (Serpa & Others) This act would reduce the time frame within which a completed set of plans for fire alarm, smoke detection and/or carbon monoxide detection must be approved or disapproved from 90 days to 15 days. It also gives the authority having jurisdiction the ability to waive examination of plans for the erection or alteration of a building if the plans are prepared and monitored by a licensed professional engineer or architect. Also the act creates qualification standards for assistant deputy fire marshals. Small Business

**H-8104 MUNICIPAL REGULATORY AND PERMITTING REVIEW PROCESSES** (Shallcross Smith & Others) This act would allow a state agency with regulatory or permitting authority over a business to conduct a simultaneous review and approval process with other state or municipal agencies for the purpose of expediting the approval process. Small Business

**H-8105 RHODE ISLAND REGULATORY REFORM ACT** (Martin & Others) This act would create the Office of Regulatory Reform within the Economic Development Corporation which purpose it would be to facilitate the regular review of regulatory processes and permitting procedures, and to intervene in pending regulatory and permitting matters both at the state and local level. Small Business

**S-2131 TOXIC MOLD PROTECTION ACT** (Lanzi) This act would require the Department of Health to adopt permissible exposure limits to mold in indoor environments, procedures for the assessment of the health risk posed by the presence of mold, mold identification guidelines and remediation procedures. Health & Human Services

**S-2218 MORTGAGE AND FORECLOSURE SALE** (Metts & Others) This act would require mortgagees, upon filing a notice of intent to foreclose on a mortgage on residential property, to serve a copy of that notice with the city/town clerk where the property is located at the same time as service on the mortgagor. If, after filing of the notice of intention to foreclose the property becomes vacant prior to vesting of title, the municipality may require the mortgagee to correct housing code violations. Judiciary

**S-2234 BOILER INSPECTION AND PRESSURE VESSELS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would expand the types of buildings that would be exempt from the state mandated requirements of boiler and pressure system inspections based on the size of the water heater. This exemption also would now apply to public buildings and schools. Labor

**S-2295 BUILDING PLANS: FIRE MARSHAL APPROVAL** (Raptakis & Others) This act would reduce from 90 days to 15 days the time within which a complete set of building plans must be approved or disapproved by the state Fire Marshal's Office prior to a building permit being issued. This time frame also would apply to plans relating to the construction or rehabilitation of certain residential dwellings. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2438 OUTDOOR WOOD-FIRED HYDRONIC HEATERS** (Blais & Others) This act would regulate the sale and installation of outdoor wood-fired hydronic heaters. Local building officials would have the authority to enforce provisions regarding types of heaters, manner of installation, and permitted fuels. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2633 STATE BUILDING CODE: PHYSICAL ALTERATION PERMITS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would require the issuance of a physical alteration permit for a building permit to be issued when the application requires access to state highways. It also would establish options for the applicant if the timeline for approval or disapproval is not achieved. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2634 FIRE SAFETY CODE** (Raptakis & Others) This act would amend the "Comprehensive Fire Safety Act" specifically its applicability to new and existing structures. It is designed to expedite the review process of plans submitted during the building permit issuance process, and to insure compliance with building and fire code regulations. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2753 BUILDING INSPECTORS** (Gallo & Others) This act would establish the categories of Building Inspectors-1 and Building Inspectors-2, with the qualifications for both being amended from current requirements for "Building Inspectors" including certification by the International Code Council. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2756 HISTORICAL AREA ZONING** (Jabour & Others) This act would expand the scope of an Historic District Commission's review powers in evaluating whether to issue a certificate of appropriateness if a structure is to be demolished or relocated. The act also would require more substantial information be provided during the application process. Judiciary

**S-2791 HISTORICAL AREA ZONING** (Jabour & Others) This act would expand the scope of an Historic District Commission's review powers in evaluating whether to issue a certificate of appropriateness if a structure is to be demolished or relocated. The act also would require more substantial information be provided during the application process. Judiciary

**S-2845A FIRE SAFETY CODE** (Lynch & Others) This act would reduce the time frame within which a completed set of plans for fire alarm, smoke detection and/or carbon monoxide detection must be approved or disapproved from 90 days to 15 days. It also gives the authority having jurisdiction the ability to waive examination of plans for the erection or alteration of a building if the plans are prepared and monitored by a licensed professional engineer or architect. Also the act creates qualification standards for assistant deputy fire marshals. Corporations

**S-2849 MUNICIPAL REGULATORY AND PERMITTING REVIEW PROCESSES** (Sheehan & Others) This act would allow a state agency with regulatory or permitting authority over a business to conduct a simultaneous review and approval process with other state or municipal agencies for the purpose of expediting the approval process. Corporations

**S-2851 RHODE ISLAND REGULATORY REFORM ACT** (Felag & Others) This act would create the Office of Regulatory Reform within the Economic Development Corporation which purpose it would be to facilitate the regular review of regulatory processes and permitting procedures, and to intervene in pending regulatory and permitting matters both at the state and local level. Corporations

## **EDUCATION & SCHOOLS**

**H-7011 STATE MANDATES** (M. Rice & Others) This act would provide that, if during any fiscal year the state reimbursement to cities/towns and school districts is insufficient to cover the costs of state mandates as reported by the Department of Revenue, those affected cities/towns and school districts may cease implementation of state mandates at their discretion up to 50% of the value of the reimbursement shortfall. Finance

**H-7036Aaa SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS** (Gallison & Others) This act would require the Departments of Education and Health to work with the Rhode Island Interscholastic League to develop guidelines for educating coaches and players in youth sports about the risks associated with concussions. H.E.W.

**H-7068 SPECIAL EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM** (Carter & Others) This act would provide that cities/towns would receive a reimbursement from the state for costs to educate students receiving special education services. This act would also provide that for children placed in group homes and other residential facilities state funds paid to the cities/towns for their education would follow the residence of these children. Finance

**H-7075 STATE AID TO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION** (Walsh & Others) This act would require the state to pay annually for all tuition and costs for students attending state elementary and secondary vocational or technical schools. Finance

**H-7086 OPEN MEETINGS: SCHOOL COMMITTEES** (Melo & Others) This act would amend the open meetings law by permitting school committees to satisfy the public notice requirements regarding their meetings either through electronic publication or on an official website maintained by the school committee, and/or by publication in a newspaper. Judiciary

**H-7091 POWERS AND DUTIES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEES** (Corvese & Others) This act would amend section 16-2-9 of the general laws relating to powers and duties of school committees by broadening their scope of authority. It would also add a new section to the general laws that would give school committees a list of express management rights that could not be bargained away. Labor

**H-7093 TEACHERS' TENURE** (Corvese & Others) This act would push back the date by which school districts would be required to notify teachers that they are not being rehired from March 1<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year immediately preceding the school year in which the dismissal would become effective. Labor

**H-7123 SCHOOL FINANCES** (Corvese & Others) This act would establish a permanent education foundation aid formula for calculating state aid to public education, and amend provisions of the general laws concerning the establishment and implementation of a statewide purchasing system for school districts. Finance

**H-7135 SCHOOL BUDGETS: CARUOLO ACT** (Serpa) This act would repeal the "Caruolo Act" (16-2-21.4). Finance

**H-7143A TEACHERS' TENURE: NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS** (Gablinske & Corvese) This act would amend the notification requirements regarding the dismissal, suspension or lay-off of teachers, moving the notification date from March 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>. Labor

**H-7151 SCHOOL BUDGETS: CARUOLO ACT** (Gemma & Others) This act would repeal the "Caruolo Act" (16-2-21.4). Finance

**H-7154 AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS** (Petrarca & Others) This act would mandate that all high schools and middle schools, whether public or private, have functional automatic external defibrillators on school grounds at all times. H.E.W.

**H-7177 SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS** (Melo & Others) This resolution supports a cap of \$40,000 on the cost of educating each individual special education student at the local level. Finance

**H-7178 STATE EDUCATIONAL MANDATES** (DaSilva & Martin) This act would require that educational mandates be fully funded. Lack of full and adequate funding would be an absolute defense against an action seeking enforcement. Finance

**H-7179 SCHOOL BUSES** (Petrarca & Others) This act would authorize school committees to sell advertising space on school buses. H.E.W.

**H-7180A KINDERGARTEN** (Ucci & McNamara) This act would authorize school departments to admit children into their kindergarten programs even though those children have not reached age 5 by September 1, of the school year. Such admissions would be made in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. H.E.W.

**H-7193 TEACHERS' TENURE: NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS** (Gablinske & Corvese) This act would amend the notification requirements regarding the dismissal, suspension or lay-off of teachers in the event of a fiscal exigency or program reorganization, moving the notification date from March 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>. Labor

**H-7207 TEXTBOOKS** (Schadone & Winfield) This act would require regional collaboratives to loan textbooks, and also to arrange for the delivery of textbooks to the administrative office of the school district in which the student resides. H.E.W.

**H-7208A CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (Gablinske & Others) This act would remove the limit of 20 charter schools, and require that at least ½ of the total number of charter public schools in the state be reserved for charter school applications that are designed to increase educational opportunities for at-risk pupils. It would also permit the revocation of an existing public school charter if after 3 consecutive years of operation the charter school is not a "high performing charter school". H.E.W.

**H-7239 SCHOOL BUSES** (Gemma & Others) This act would authorize school committees to sell advertising space on the exterior of school buses. H.E.W.

**H-7264 SCHOOL BUS MONITORS** (Baldelli-Hunt) This act would allow the individual school districts to determine whether a school bus monitor is needed on a route by route basis, and as such may eliminate the school bus monitor where unnecessary. Finance

**H-7311 GENOCIDE EDUCATION** (Williams & Others) This act would give responsibility to the Department of Education to implement a genocide education program in secondary schools. Finance

**H-7313 CHILDREN IN GROUP HOMES** (Lima & Others) This act would entitle a child in a residential placement to remain in the original school system should the child be moved to another residential placement located in a different city/town during a school year. This entitlement would extend to subsequent school years under certain circumstances. H.E.W.

**H-7339      ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS** (Trillo & Palumbo) This act would require children to meet at least a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade English language skills standard before they can be promoted beyond grade 5. H.E.W.

**H-7359      INTERNET SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS** (Kilmartin) This resolution would request the Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to require all Rhode Island schools to adopt an internet safety program. Constituent Services

**H-7372      STATE MANDATES** (Segal & Others) This act would provide that no new state mandates can be issued without adequate funding by and from the state to insure that the city/town is able to pay for the mandate. Finance

**H-7376      FREEDOM FROM RESTRAINT** (Naughton & M. Rice) This act would amend the definition of "covered facility" to include the public school system as it relates to the "Children's Right to Freedom from Restraint Act". H.E.W.

**H-7392      WAIVER OF HEALTH INSURANCE** (Gablinske & Others) This act would allow school committees to limit the amount paid to employees who waive health insurance benefits to 10% of the health insurance premium per year. Labor

**H-7394      SCHOOL COMMITTEES: LABOR CONTRACTS** (Trillo & Others) This act would provide that, if a city/town charter or ordinance empowers a city/town council to ratify the collective bargaining agreements of its school committees, then no collective bargaining agreement is effective unless ratified by the city/town council. Labor

**H-7397Aaa 2011 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Watson)

**ART. 8      STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM** This article would allow the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to grant variances to the requirement for the purchase of transportation services through the statewide system if an alternative system is more cost effective. Finance

**H-7397Aaa 2011 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Watson)

**ART. 13      SCHOOL AID** This article provides for the reduction of education aid coupled with an additional distribution of stabilization funds; allows the withholding of education aid to districts that fail to pay the costs for the statewide student transportation system; and assesses tuition costs for students attending the School for the Deaf.

**ART. 13      SCHOOL HOUSING AID** This article allows the state to defer housing aid for debt service that has been paid by the local community prior to project completion for up to three years in the event that the full amount of housing aid has not been appropriated. This article also removes language that could be interpreted to cap school housing aid in any given fiscal year by the amount of debt service payable by a district in that same fiscal year.



**ART. 13 STATEWIDE PURCHASING SYSTEM** This article allows the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education acting with the Department of Administration to implement a statewide purchasing system for all public schools for purchasing goods, supplies, and services on a voluntary basis. Finance

**H-7409 SCHOOL AID: MINIMUM BUDGET** (Trillo) This act would repeal the adequate minimum budget provision relating to a local community's share of education funding. Finance

**H-7412 REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS** (A. Rice & Others) This act would require the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education to provide equitable funding for the William M. Davies Jr. Vocational Technical School and the Metropolitan Career and Technical School. Finance

**H-7413 SCHOOL HOUSING AID** (Segal) This act would prohibit housing aid from being used to cover the costs of remediation of a hazardous waste site, and it also would prohibit locating schools on toxic waste sites. Finance

**H-7415 MAYORAL ACADEMIES** (Segal & Others) This act would require mayoral academies to use a random selection process to select the students who would be invited to attend. H.E.W.

**H-7418 LYME DISEASE AWARENESS** (Jackson & Others) This act would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop a Lyme disease awareness and prevention course for public school students that would be incorporated into existing health education courses. H.E.W.

**H-7422 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT** (O'Neill & Others) This act would amend the provisions regarding the procedures governing the prosecution of the "School Bus Safety Enforcement" chapter of the general laws. Specifically, the act clarifies the procedures to be used against the owner of a vehicle alleged to have failed to stop or to have passed a school bus when the allegation is based upon evidence obtained from a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system. Judiciary

**H-7424 CLOSING OF SCHOOLS** (O'Neill) This act would require schools to be closed also for presidential preference primary days. The current law applies only to general elections and statewide primaries. Judiciary

**H-7452 SCHOOL BUSES: SEAT BELTS** (Jacquard & Williams) This act would require that, effective August 1, 2010, all school buses purchased for use in the state be equipped with seat belt assemblies for each passenger and operator seat, and would further require mandatory safety belt use by the school bus operator and each passenger. H.E.W.

**H-7453 TEACHER CERTIFICATION** (Lima) This act would amend the composition and duties of the Policy Board on Teacher and Administrator Certification. It also would change the status of the board by removing the word "advisory" from its title. H.E.W.

**H-7465      TEACHER LAYOFFS** (Guthrie) This act would amend the situations in which a school board may layoff teachers, by adding the following language – “program reduction or elimination or budget reduction”. It also would move the notification date to May 15<sup>th</sup>. Labor

**H-7481      OPEN MEETINGS: SCHOOL COMMITTEES** (Kennedy & Others) This act would amend the open meetings law by permitting school committees to satisfy the publication requirements regarding their meetings either by publication electronically or on an official website maintained by the school committee, and/or by publication in a newspaper. Judiciary

**H-7506      SCHOOL BUDGETS: CARUOLO ACT** (Newberry & Others) This act would repeal the “Caruolo Act” (16-2-21.4). Finance

**H-7508      SCHOOL BUS MONITORS** (Newberry & Driver) This act would remove the requirement for school bus monitors in grades kindergarten through 5. Finance

**H-7522      OPEN MEETINGS: SCHOOL COMMITTEES** (Shallcross Smith & Others) This act would amend the open meetings law by permitting school committees to satisfy the publication requirements regarding their meetings, either by publication electronically on any official website maintained by the school committee, and/or by publication in a newspaper of general circulation. Judiciary

**H-7534      SCHOOL BUS ROUTES** (Newberry & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement of having the local police chief of each city/town review all school bus routes for safety hazards within 90 days before the start of each school year. Municipal Government

**H-7548      CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (Silva & Others) This act would repeal various sections of general law Chapter 16-77 entitled “Establishment of Charter Public Schools”. These sections would be replaced by the following chapters: Chapter 16-77.2 – District Charter School; Chapter 16-77.3 – Independent Charter Schools; and Chapter 16-77.4 – Mayoral Academies. H.E.W.

**H-7555      EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA AND PROPERTY TAX EQUITY ACT** (Ajello & Others) This act would establish a new system for the support of public education in Rhode Island, based upon an objective assessment of student needs, and designed to assure predictability and accountability in the funding and delivery of meaningful educational opportunity to all students in all communities throughout the state. Finance

**H-7559      SUPPORT FOR FAILING SCHOOLS** (McCauley) This act would provide that the provisions of this section ( Intervention and Support of Failing Schools – 16-7.1-5) would not alter or affect rights or remedies of school employees provided under federal, state, and local laws or collective bargaining agreements. Finance

**H-7616      REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS** (A. Rice & Others) This act would require that the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education provide equitable funding for the William E. Davies, Jr. Vocational Technical School, the Metropolitan Career and Technical School, and the Newport County Career and Technical Center. Finance

**H-7626 OPEN MEETINGS: SCHOOL COMMITTEES** (Newberry) This act would amend the open meetings law by permitting school committees to satisfy the publication requirements regarding their meetings either by publication electronically or on an official website maintained by the school committee, and/or by publication in a newspaper. Judiciary

**H-7633 NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND COLLABORATIVE** (Carnevale & Petrarca) This act would provide that school districts that participate in the Northern Rhode Island Educational Collaborative and do not have their own vocational technical programs are eligible to send students to William E. Davies Vocational High School. H.E.W.

**H-7658 SCHOOL BUDGETS: CARUOLO ACT** (Kilmartin & Serpa) This act would repeal those provisions of the "Caruolo Act" that permit a school committee to seek additional appropriations by bringing an action in Superior Court seeking more funding from the appropriating authority. Finance

**H-7659 COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS** (Kilmartin) This act would establish a regional county school superintendent in each county of the state, but within Providence County there would be appointed 2 school superintendents. The mission of each superintendent would be to provide constructive oversight, and to facilitate the combination of resources in each county. Finance

**H-7660 ARTS HIGH SCHOOLS** (Kilmartin) This act would provide that the general assembly annually appropriate \$3,000,000 to any school district that creates an arts high school. Finance

**H-7661 SCHOOL BUDGETS: CARUOLO ACT** (Kilmartin & Serpa) This act would establish standards and procedures whereby a school committee may, within 5 days of a negative vote by an appropriating authority, request non-binding fact-finding mediation to be conducted by a special master appointed by the Superior Court. Finance

**H-7665 COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS** (Kilmartin) This act would amend various sections of chapter 16-3.1 entitled "Cooperative Service Among School Districts". It would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt rule and regulations governing the operation of these collaboratives, and also require collaboratives to implement a uniform system of accounting. H.E.W.

**H-7668 COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS ACT OF 2010** (Gablinske & Others) The purpose of this act is to encourage a collaborative approach to the dual mission of educational effectiveness and business efficiency that will lead to cost savings. H.E.W.

**H-7677 OPEN MEETINGS: SCHOOL COMMITTEES** (Winfield & Petrarca) This act would provide that under no circumstances may a public notice for a school committee meeting be required to be published in a paid newspaper. Judiciary

**H-7684 SECONDARY SCHOOL CONSORTIUM** (McNamara & Others) This joint resolution supports the New England Secondary School Consortium and its goals, strategies, and partnerships. Read and Passed

**H-7731 SCHOOL BUDGETS: CARUOLO ACT** (Kilmartin) This act would require that an action seeking additional appropriations brought in Superior Court pursuant to the "Caruolo Act" must be filed by a school committee no later than 60 calendar days after the commencement of the fiscal year for the fiscal year for which such additional appropriations are sought. Finance

**H-7732 REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS** (Pacheco) This act would provide for state planning grants to municipalities that study the feasibility of establishing regional school districts, and also would provide that any regional school district established as a result of such study would receive short term regionalization bonuses over a period of 5 years. Finance

**H-7746 UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST PROGRAM** (Slater & Others) This resolution would support the expansion of the Universal School Breakfast Program in order to provide breakfasts in the classroom to all students regardless of family income. H.E.W.

**H-7752 ELECTRONIC VIDEO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS** (Handy & Naughton) This act would require that, commencing on January 1, 2011, publishers and manufacturers of electronic video instructional materials must provide either open or closed captions for these materials offered for sale or adoption in Rhode Island. H.E.W.

**H-7804 TEACHER COMPENSATION** (Loughlin & Newberry) This act would allow the school committee in every community to negotiate other means of compensation for teachers including, but not limited to, merit pay. Labor

**H-7820 SCHOOL BUDGETS: CARUOLO Act** (Trillo & Newberry) This act would repeal the "Caruolo Act" (16-2-21.4). Finance

**H-7827A SCHOOL SUSPENSION** (Diaz & Almeida) This act would require that no school shall use a student's habitual truancy or excessive absenteeism as the sole criterion for using an out-of-school suspension as a disciplinary action. H.E.W.

**H-7844 PARENTAL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** (Brien) This act would create a scholarship program for children from low and middle-income families to attend the public or non-public elementary or secondary school of their choice. The program would involve the use of scholarship monies as an entitlement to the eligible student. Finance

**H-7856 EMISSIONS FROM SCHOOL BUSES** (Sullivan & Others) This act would establish new and updated standards for lowering emissions from school buses. H.E.W.

**H-7867 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (Silva & Others) This act would repeal various sections of general law Chapter 16-77 entitled "Establishment of Charter Public Schools". These sections would be replaced by the following chapters: Chapter 16-77.2 – District Charter School; Chapter 16-77.3 – Independent Charter Schools; and Chapter 16-77.4 – Mayoral Academies. Finance

**H-7895 EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA** (Ruggiero & Others) This resolution requests the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to conduct community forums on the education funding formula throughout the state. Read and Passed

**H-7897 STATE EDUCATIONAL MANDATES** (Carter and MacBeth) This act would require that educational mandates be fully funded. Lack of full and adequate funding would be an absolute defense against an action seeking enforcement. The act also contains a list of general law chapters and sections in Title 16, the requirements of which are binding, and may not be waived by the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education. Finance

**H-7920 KINDERGARTEN** (DaSilva) This act would provide an increase in the hours per day kindergarten students would be required to attend class by mandating at least a 5 ½ hour school day exclusive of various specified activities. H.E.W.

**H-7931 GREEN CLEANING ACT OF 2010** (Silva & Edwards) This act would require schools to establish a sustainable cleaning policy, and to exclusively purchase and use environmentally preferable cleaning products, equipment and paper. H.E.W.

**H-7947 STUDENT HEALTH** (Shallcross Smith) This act would authorize the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to retain the services of any health care provider or agency to address student health, emotional and social well-being in order to improve academic performance. Finance

**H-7949 CLEANING PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS** (Palumbo & Others) This act would encourage the use of environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products in schools. H.E.W.

**H-7967 TEACHER COLLECTIVE BARGAINING** (Serpa & Others) This act would authorize city/town appropriating authorities to negotiate teacher collective bargaining agreements instead of school committees. Regional school districts are exempted from this change. This change would be accomplished by eliminating language contained in various sections of the general laws that grants the school committees the authority to perform the collective bargaining function. Labor

**H-8010 MILITARY CHILDREN** (Gallison & Others) This act would establish the "Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children", a compact consisting of various member states. Its purpose would be to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families by facilitating the various processes these children frequently must encounter. Veterans' Affairs

**H-8022 REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS** (Baldelli-Hunt & Others) This act would require the state to make payments for regional vocational school expenses by determining a specific dollar amount for each student, and distributing aid based on the number of pupils attending such schools as of October 1 of each year. Finance

**H-8027 TITLE 16: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REFERENCES** (Williamson) This act would eliminate all collective bargaining references and requirements throughout Title 16 – “Education”. Labor

**H-8028 TEACHERS’ TENURE** (Williamson) This act would eliminate the requirement that school districts notify a tenured teacher that the teacher is not being rehired by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year immediately preceding the school year in which the dismissal would become effective. Labor

**H-8029 EDUCATION: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING** (Williamson) This act would insert language throughout Title 16 – “Education” which provides that should the actual revenue to the school committee and/or district fall short of projected revenue for the given fiscal year, with the shortfall confirmed in writing by the Auditor General, then collective bargaining agreements must be deemed null and void. Labor

**H-8063 TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT: EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Costantino & Others) This act would defer the employer’s contribution to the state retirement system from the effective date of this act to June 15, 2010. Also the act provides that the state ensure that any local education aid reduction assumed for the FY 2010 revised budget in excess of the actual savings is restored to the respective local entities. Read and Passed

**H-8067 COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE** (McNamara & Diaz) This act would increase the age required for compulsory school attendance from 16 to 18 years of age. It would also establish various criteria which would allow withdrawal prior to 18 years of age, including obtaining a waiver from the local superintendent of schools which may be granted if an alternative learning plan exists. H.E.W.

**H-8094 SCHOOL AID** (Costantino & Others) This act would make substantial changes to the manner in which the state provides funding support to local public school systems. Some of the various amendments to Chapter 16-7 – “Foundation Level School Support” would address levels of local appropriations, (including, specifically, for Central Falls) and special rules for high local contribution and high per pupil expenditure communities. The amendments to Chapter 16-7.2 – “Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act” establish a permanent foundation education aid formula. Finance

**H-8099 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION** (Fellela) This act would allow school districts that participate in the Northern Rhode Island Education Collaborative, and do not have their own vocational technical programs, to receive 10% state reimbursement for tuition and transportation costs for vocational education students. Finance

**H-8109 DCYF CHILDREN** (Naughton & Others) This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission to be known as "The Task Force on the Education of Children and Youth in the Care of the Department of Children, Youth and Families" which purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of challenges to ensuring the educational stability and success of children and youth involved with DCYF. Constituent Services

**H-8110 SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS** (Pacheco) This act would enable the Department of Education to implement its final report on the creation of a demonstration program for after school and summer learning for school children. This act also would provide funding for the operation of that demonstration program. Finance

**H-8156 PURCHASE AND USE OF TEXTBOOKS** (Shallcross Smith & Menard) This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission which purpose it would be to study all aspects of the purchase and use of textbooks in public schools.. H.E.W.

**H-8170 BULLYING IN SCHOOLS** (Caprio & Others) This act would set forth additional prohibitions against bullying in public and private schools, and also would require schools and school districts to develop bullying prevention and intervention plans. Judiciary

**H-8175 RACE TO THE TOP** (Mattiello & Others) This joint resolution would support the federal "Race to the Top" grant program, and urge the Governor and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to submit a competitive application for the "Race to the Top" round two. Read and Passed

**H-8197 CONSOLIDATING RHODE ISLAND'S SCHOOL SYSTEMS** (Corvese & Others) This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission to study consolidating Rhode Island's school systems into no more than six regional school districts. H.E.W.

**H-8230 OPEB TRUSTS** (Gallison & Others) This act would add corporations established pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 45 entitled "Councils and Governing Bodies" to the list of entities which may act as trustee for trust agreements among school districts and banks or trust companies in reference to OPEB trusts It also would allow school districts to utilize these corporations to advise on the investment of the OPEB trust fund. Finance

**S-2012 SCHOOL AID** (Raptakis & Others) This act would provide that, in determining local school aid, the state would annually provide each community no less than an amount equal to the aid given in the preceding fiscal year. Finance

**S-2015 NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND COLLABORATIVE** (Maselli & Others) This act would provide that school districts that participate in the Northern Rhode Island Educational Collaborative and do not have their own vocational technical programs are eligible to send students to William E. Davies Vocational High School. Finance

**S-2032 SCHOOL BUSES** (Tassoni & Others) This act would authorize school committees to sell advertising space on school buses. Education

**S-2033 SCHOOL BUDGETS: CARUOLO ACT** (Raptakis & Others) This act would prohibit litigation under the "Caruolo Act" for the period from January 1, 2010 to January 1, 2015. Education

**S-2034Aaa SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS** (Levesque & Others) This act would require the Departments of Education and Health to work with the Rhode Island Interscholastic League to develop guidelines for educating coaches and players in youth sports about the risks associated with concussions. Education

**S-2035 TEACHER CERTIFICATION** (Maselli & Others) This act would amend the composition and duties of the Policy Board on Teacher and Administrator Certification. It also would change the status of the board by removing the word "advisory" from its title. Education

**S-2040 SCHOOL AID** (O'Neill & Others) This act would repeal the "adequate minimum budget provision" relating to a community's annual local contribution to education funding. Finance

**S-2045 STUDENT HARASSMENT** (Tassoni & Others) This act would make it a crime to make multiple anonymous communications without legitimate purpose or are known to be false. Judiciary

**S-2096 SECONDARY SCHOOL CONSORTIUM** (DiPalma & Others) This joint resolution supports the New England Secondary School Consortium and its goals, strategies, and partnerships. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2119 SCHOOL AID: VOCATIONAL EDUCATION** (Jabour & Others) This act would require the state to annually pay for 100% of the tuition and related costs for students attending a state elementary or secondary vocational/technological training school. The payments would be made directly to the respective schools. Finance

**S-2121 PLAYGROUND SAFETY** (Blais) This act would provide grants to cities/towns for projects undertaken specifically to comply with the Department of Education's and the Department of Health's joint health and environment recreational facility safety regulations and/or to provide access for people with disabilities. Finance

**S-2123 KINDERGARTEN** (Maselli & Others) This act would authorize school departments to admit children into their kindergarten programs even though those children have not reached age 5 by September 1 of the school year. Such admissions would be made in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Education

**S-2159 OPEN MEETINGS: SCHOOL COMMITTEES** (Gallo & Others) This act would amend various provisions relating to the legal requirement that school committees give proper notice of their meetings, and the publication of these notices by electronic means. Judiciary



**S-2165      TEACHERS' TENURE: NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS** (DiPalma & Others)

This act would amend the notification requirements regarding the dismissal, suspension or lay-off of teachers in the event of a fiscal exigency or program reorganization, moving the notification date from March 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>. Labor

**S-2173      SECONDARY SCHOOL CONSORTIUM** (DiPalma & Others) This joint resolution supports the New England Secondary School Consortium and its goals, strategies and partnerships. Immediate Consideration

**S-2180      GENOCIDE EDUCATION** (Metts & Others) This act would give responsibility to the Department of Education to implement a genocide education program in secondary schools. Education

**S-2182      SCHOOL BUDGETS: CARUOLO ACT** (Walaska & Others) This act would repeal the "Caruolo Act" (16-2-21.4). Education

**S-2183      SCHOOL BUSES** (Tassoni & DeVall) This act would authorize school committees to sell advertising space on the exterior of school buses. Education

**S-2193      SCHOOL AID: VOCATIONAL EDUCATION** (Algiere & Others) This act would require the state to annually pay for 100% of tuition and related costs for students attending a state elementary or secondary vocational/technological training school. The payments would be made directly to the respective schools. Finance

**S-2216      OPEN MEETINGS: SCHOOL COMMITTEES** (Raptakis & Others) This act would amend the open meetings law by permitting school committees to satisfy the publication requirements regarding their meetings, either by publication electronically or on any official website maintained by the school committee, and/or publication in a newspaper of general circulation. Judiciary

**S-2227      SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT** (McCaffrey) This act would amend the provisions regarding procedures governing the prosecution of the "School Bus Safety Enforcement" chapter of the general laws. Specifically, the act clarifies the procedures to be used against the owner of a vehicle alleged to have failed to stop or to have passed a school bus when the allegation is based upon evidence obtained from a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system. Judiciary

**S-2235      TEACHER LAYOFFS** (Ciccone & DeVall) This act would amend the situations in which a school board may layoff teachers, by adding the following language – "program reduction or elimination or budget reduction". It also would move the notification date to May 15<sup>th</sup>. Labor

**S-2251      ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOKS** (O'Neill & Others) This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission to study the use and implementation of electronic textbooks, and the use of tablet computers for textbooks in public schools. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2261 COLLEGE AND CAREER SUCCESS** (Pichardo & Others) This act would require the establishment of clear training guidelines for teachers who will teach advanced placement courses in Rhode Island public schools. These classes will be offered for college credit at the high school level. Education

**S-2263 KINDERGARTEN** (DeVall & Others) This act would provide an increase in the hours per day of actual schoolwork and instructional time that kindergarten students must receive. Education

**S-2265 LYME DISEASE AWARENESS** (DiPalma & Others) This act would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop a Lyme disease awareness and prevention course for public school students that would be incorporated into existing health education courses. Education

**S-2266 COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS** (Felag & DiPalma) This act would define the mission of the educational collaboratives in this state with the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education adopting rules and regulations regarding all aspects of educational goals. Education

**S-2394 PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION** (Levesque) This joint resolution would approve and publish and submit to the electors a proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island making it a duty of the general assembly to provide a free and appropriate public school education to all residents of the state. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2404 SCHOOL CONTRACTS** (Pinga & Others) This act would require that all school contracts, including contracts of employment, must be ratified by the local taxing authority. It also would require any compensation to the school superintendent be approved by the city/town council. Education

**S-2405 TEXTBOOKS** (O'Neill & Others) This act would now require the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish a textbook list specifying 2 textbooks for each grade in each subject, and require that the procurement and distribution of all textbooks be a centralized function under the Department of Education. Education

**S-2406 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (DiPalma & Others) This act would allow for the expansion of charter public schools, and also would permit the revocation of an existing public school charter if after 3 consecutive years of operation the charter school is not a "high performing charter school". Education

**S-2436 SCHOOL BUDGETS: CARUOLO Act** (O'Neill & Others) This act would repeal the "Caruolo Act" (16-2-21.4). Education

**S-2465 SCHOOL BUS DRIVER ANNUAL TRAINING** (Metts & Others) This act would require that school bus driver annual training include the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's school bus driver in-service training series. Education

**S-2479 SUPPORT FOR FAILING SCHOOLS** (Jabour & Others) This act would provide that the provisions of this section (Intervention and support for failing schools – 16-7.1-5 ) would not alter or affect rights or remedies of school employees provided under federal, state and local laws or collective bargaining agreements. Education

**S-2480 SCHOOL BUDGETS** (Levesque) This act would amend the provisions of the general laws permitting school committees to seek additional appropriations by bringing an action in Superior Court. Instead, school committees would be able to appeal for a hearing at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and, if needed, may seek a final departmental review before the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. Education

**S-2490 UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST PROGRAM** (Levesque & Others) This act would establish a “Universal Breakfast Program” for all Rhode Island school students regardless of family income. An implementation schedule is specified to be phased in during the years 2010-2012. Finance

**S-2519 SCHOOL BUDGETS** (Levesque) This act would establish standards and procedures whereby a school committee may, within 5 days of a negative vote by an appropriating authority, request non-binding, fact-finding mediation to be conducted by a special master appointed by the Superior Court. Education

**S-2520 EMISSIONS FROM SCHOOL BUSES** (Miller & Others) This act would establish new and updated standards for lowering emissions from school buses. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2526 UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST PROGRAM** (Levesque & Others) This act would establish a “Universal Breakfast Program” for all Rhode Island school students regardless of family income. An implementation schedule is specified to be phased in during the years 2010-2012. Finance

**S-2587 SCHOOL COMMITTEES: OPEN MEETINGS NOTICE** (Picard & Connors) This act would change the language regarding public notice of school committee meetings. The notice requirement would be met by publication in a daily or weekly newspaper, whether or not it has paying subscribers, circulated within the area over which the school committee has jurisdiction. Judiciary

**S-2666 SCHOOL BUS MONITORS** (Walaska & Bates) This act would make school bus monitors for secondary and middle school students optional for each school district. The school district must file its intention each year by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Education

**S-2682 ONE-WAY HIGHWAYS: SCHOOL ZONES** (Gallo & Others) This act would allow local authorities to designate specific roadways in school zone areas for one-way traffic. Judiciary

**S-2725      EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA** (DiPalma & Others) This resolution requests the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to conduct community forums on the education funding formula throughout the state. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2733      SCHOOL COMMITTEES: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS** (Walaska & Bates) This act would provide that a city/town council member would be included in any contract negotiations in which a school committee is participating, and would possess the right to vote on contract provisions. Education

**S-2734      CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (Doyle & Connors) This act would repeal various sections of general law Chapter 16-77 entitled "Establishment of Charter Public Schools". These sections would be replaced by the following chapters: Chapter 16-77.2 – District Charter School; Chapter 16-77.3 – Independent Charter Schools; and Chapter 16-77.4 – Mayoral Academies. Finance

**S-2738      MILITARY CHILDREN** (DiPalma) This act would establish the "Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children", a compact consisting of various member states. Its purpose would be to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families by facilitating the various processes these children frequently must encounter. Finance

**S-2741      SCHOOL DISTRICTS: CONSOLIDATION OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS** (DaPonte & Others) This act would require that all city/town school districts consolidate by having only one municipal department performing human resources/personnel information, technology, purchasing and maintenance functions. Finance

**S-2770      EDUCATION ADEQUACY ACT** (Gallo & Others) This act would amend several sections of Title 16 of the general laws entitled "Education". Some of the changes include: expanding on what may be included in the statewide purchasing system; the role of the "Rhode Island Strategic Purchasing Advisory Commission"; and the establishment of a permanent education foundation aid formula. Finance

**S-2776      TEXTBOOKS** (Gallo & Others) This act would require regional collaboratives to loan textbooks, and also to arrange for the delivery of textbooks to the administrative office of the school district in which the student resides. Education

**S-2777      PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: SCHOOL COMMITTEES** (Gallo & Others) This act would require members of school committees to undertake annually a minimum of 6 hours of professional development in the professional development educational program developed by Rhode Island College. Education

**S-2818      TEACHERS' RETIREMENT: EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION** (DaPonte) This act would defer the employer's contribution to the state retirement system from the effective date of this act to June 15, 2010. Also the act provides that the state ensure that any local education aid reduction assumed for the FY 2010 revised budget in excess of the actual savings is restored to the respective local entities. Read and Passed

**S-2822      PURCHASE AND USE OF TEXTBOOKS** (O'Neill & Others) This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission which purpose it would be to study all aspects of the purchase and use of textbooks in public schools. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2829      SCHOOL HOUSING AID** (Metts & Others) This act would prohibit housing aid from being used to cover the costs of remediation of a hazardous waste site, and it also would prohibit locating schools on toxic waste sites. Finance

**S-2832      SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS** (DeVall & Crowley) This act would enable the Department of Education to implement its final report on the creation of a demonstration program for after school and summer learning for school children. This act also would provide funding for the operation of that demonstration program. Finance

**S-2871      CYBERTHREATS, CYBERBULLYING, BULLYING, AND SEXTING** (Tassoni) This resolution would create a special legislative commission to study and make recommendations related to the problem of cyberthreats, cyberbullying, bullying, and sexting. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2872      DCYF CHILDREN** (Perry & Others) This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission to be known as "The Task Force on the Education of Children and Youth in the Care of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families" which purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of challenges to ensuring the educational stability and success of children and youth involved with DCYF. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2884      VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS** (Gallo & Others) This senate resolution would create a special senate commission to study the funding of vocational schools. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2928      COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE** (DiPalma & Others) This act would increase the age required for compulsory school attendance from 16 to 18 years of age. It also would establish various criteria which would allow withdrawal prior to 18 years of age, including obtaining a waiver from the local superintendent of schools which may be granted if an alternative learning plan exists. Education

**S-2936      OPEB TRUSTS** (DiPalma & Blais) This act would add corporations established pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 45 entitled "Councils and Governing Bodies" to the list of entities which may act as trustee for trust agreements among school districts and banks or trust companies in reference to OPEB trusts. It also would allow school districts to utilize these corporations to advise on the investment of the OPEB trust fund. Finance

**S-2949      TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE** (Gallo) This act would delay the implementation of the uniform benefit plan designs for health coverage for public school employees by one year. These benefit plans would now be applicable only to collective bargaining agreements expiring on or after June 30, 2011. Health & Human Services

## **ELECTIONS**

**H-7241      NOMINATION PAPERS** (DaSilva & Others) This act would provide that the provisions of the general laws relating to the number of signatures required for nomination papers, and for the number of papers signed by the same voter would supersede any special statutes respecting any particular city/town which have conflicting provisions. Judiciary

**H-7381      ELECTION PROCEDURES** (Ajello & Others) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled "Conduct of Elections and Voting Equipment, and Supplies". Judiciary

**H-7388      VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Brien & Others) This act would provide that any person claiming to be a registered and eligible voter who desires to vote must provide proof of identity, and then lists acceptable forms of identification. It also would establish a procedure for voting by provisional ballot for those who fail to provide proper identification. Judiciary

**H-7421      CLOSING OF POLLS** (O'Neill & Others) This act would amend various general law sections relating to election procedures by setting the statewide poll closing time at 8:00 p.m. Judiciary

**H-7424      CLOSING OF SCHOOLS** (O'Neill) This act would require schools to be closed also for presidential preference primary days. The current law applies only to general elections and statewide primaries. Judiciary

**H-7482      BALLOTS** (Newberry & Others) This act would require the Board of Elections to program the ballot scanning machines to prevent straight party voting by means of a single mark, and would require the Secretary of State to produce ballots that do not have the option to vote for a straight party ticket by checking a single box. Judiciary

**H-7518      MAIL BALLOTS** (A. Rice & Others) This act would make numerous amendments to Chapter 17-20 entitled "Mail Ballots" including a permanent absentee voting option, removal of witness/notary requirements, and shortening of certain deadlines. Judiciary

**H-7520      VOTING DISTRICTS** (Newberry & Others) This act would repeal the section of law that allows local boards of canvassers to divide or redivide the town or representative districts into voting districts prior to an election. Judiciary

**H-7526      DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS** (Coderre & Others) This act would include victims of domestic violence who have secured "no contact orders" in the address confidentiality program. Judiciary

**H-7535 ELECTION OFFICIALS** (Newberry & Others) This act would exempt cities/towns from paying the sum of \$25.00 to election officials performing their duties on election day who have completed a program of instruction for election officials. Municipal Government

**H-7578 BALLOTS** (Gemma & Others) This act would require the Board of Elections to program the ballot scanning machines to prevent straight party voting by means of a single mark, and would require the Secretary of State to produce ballots that do not have the option to vote for a straight party ticket by checking a single box. Judiciary

**H-7672 COMBINATION OF VOTING DISTRICTS** (Slater & Others) This act would add general elections to the title of Chapter 17-15, and allows the local boards of canvassers to combine precincts during primary and general elections without regard to general assembly districts in those instances when there is no contest in a general assembly district. Judiciary

**H-7673 NOMINATION PAPERS** (Slater & Others) This act would mandate that nomination papers be furnished electronically to local boards of canvassers through the central voter registration system, and also mandates the use of the central voter registration system to complete the certification process. Judiciary

**H-7788 RESIDENCE FOR VOTING PURPOSES** (MacBeth & Others) This act would require actual physical residence for more than 50% of the time within the voting district to establish domicile for voting purposes. Judiciary

**H-7815 STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS** (Marcello) This act would provide a procedure for statements for and against statewide referenda ballot measures to be printed in voter handbooks distributed to all voters prior to each general election. Judiciary

**H-7833 DISTRICTING OF INCARCERATED PERSONS** (Almeida) This act provides that the domicile of incarcerated individuals for voting purposes is the last address furnished to government agencies. The Secretary of State is charged with the responsibility of compiling and disseminating the information necessary to forming representative and senate voting districts. Judiciary

**H-7894 NOMINATION PAPERS** (Melo & Others) This act would provide that the provisions of the general laws relating to the number of signatures required for nomination papers, and to the number of papers signed by the same voter supersede any special statutes or charter provisions respecting any particular city/town which have conflicting provisions. Judiciary

**H-7952 VOTING PROCEDURES AND OTHER MATTERS** (San Bento) This act would make various changes to the state election laws relating to voting districts, closing of polls, bipartisan supervisors, record of votes, and political advertising. Judiciary

**H-7953 MAIL BALLOTS** (San Bento) This act would make numerous amendments to Chapter 17-20 entitled "Mail Ballots", including changing the process for application for mail ballots, the requirements for their execution, and the emergency mail ballot process. Judiciary

**H-7963 UPDATING OF VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS** (Almeida & Others) This act would mandate, subject to state and/or federal funding, that the local boards of canvassers annually send a notice to all active registered voters who have not voted in the past 5 calendar years informing the voter that, if the notice is returned as undeliverable, a voter registration confirmation process will be initiated. Judiciary

**H-7966 VOTER REGISTRATION: HIGHER EDUCATION** (Almeida & Others) This act would require all institutions of higher education to maintain and electronically transmit annually a file or database of names and addresses of those students who have graduated to the Secretary of State on or before August 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Judiciary

**S-2060 PARTY DESIGNATION** (Raptakis & Others) This act would repeal the section of law that identified a person's party affiliation based upon participation in a party primary. The local canvassing board would no longer record a person's affiliation based upon party primary participation. Judiciary

**S-2067 CHANGE OF DESIGNATION** (Raptakis & Others) This act would reduce the period required for disaffiliation from a political party from 90 days to 29 days preceding any primary election for which the person is eligible. Judiciary

**S-2137A COMBINATION OF VOTING DISTRICTS** (Crowley & Others) This act would allow local boards of canvassers to combine voting districts both in primary and general elections, but only with the approval of the Board of Elections. Judiciary

**S-2141 VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Blais & Maselli) This act would require all voters to provide a proof of identification document, which is defined as a document containing the individual's name, shows a photograph of this individual, includes an expiration date, and was issued by the United States or the State of Rhode Island. Judiciary

**S-2148 COMBINATION OF VOTING DISTRICTS** (Crowley & Others) This act would add general elections to the title of Chapter 17-15, and allows the local boards of canvassers to combine precincts during primary and general elections without regard to general assembly districts in those instances when there is no contest in a general assembly district. Judiciary

**S-2150 PARTY DESIGNATIONS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would allow any independent registered voter who has no affiliation with any political party to participate in any political primary. Judiciary

**S-2298 ELECTION PROCEDURES** (Miller & Others) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled "Conduct of Elections and Voting Equipment, and Supplies". Judiciary



**S-2310      BALLOTS** (Bates & Others) This act would require the Board of Elections to program the ballot scanning machines to prevent straight party voting by means of a single mark, and would require the Secretary of State to produce ballots that do not have the option to vote for a straight party ticket by checking a single box. Judiciary

**S-2328      ELECTIONS** (Crowley & Others) This act would make amendments to various chapters of the general laws relating to: voting districts; closing of polls; procedures for voting; and tabulation of returns. Judiciary

**S-2451      NOMINATION PAPERS** (McCaffrey) This act would mandate that nomination papers be furnished electronically to local boards of canvassers through the central voter registration system, and also mandates the use of the central voter registration system to complete the certification process. Judiciary

**S-2452      DISTRICTING OF INCARCERATED PERSONS** (Metts & Others) This act provides that the domicile of incarcerated individuals for voting purposes is the last address furnished to government agencies. The Secretary of State is charged with the responsibility of compiling and disseminating the information necessary to forming representative and senate voting districts. Judiciary

**S-2453      UPDATING OF VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS** (Lanzi & Others) This act would mandate, subject to state and/or federal funding, that the local boards of canvassers annually send a notice to all active registered voters who have not voted in the past 5 calendar years informing the voter that, if the notice is returned as undeliverable, a voter registration confirmation process will be initiated. Judiciary

**S-2456A      STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS** (O'Neill & Others) This act would provide a procedure for arguments for and against statewide referenda ballot measures to be printed in voter handbooks distributed to all voters prior to each general election. Judiciary

**S-2457      MAIL BALLOTS** (McCaffrey) This act would make numerous amendments to Chapter 17-20 entitled "Mail Ballots" including changing the process for application for mail ballots, the requirements for their execution, and the emergency mail ballot process. Judiciary

**S-2558      DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS** (Crowley & Goodwin) This act would include victims of domestic violence who have secured "no contact orders" in the address confidentiality program. Judiciary

**S-2565      VOTER REGISTRATION: HIGHER EDUCATION** (Ciccone & Picard) This act would require all institutions of higher education to maintain and electronically transmit annually a file or database of names and addresses of those students who have graduated to the Secretary of State on or before August 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Judiciary

**S-2707 MAIL BALLOTS** (Lynch) This act would make extensive revisions to Chapter 17-20 of the general laws entitled "Mail Ballots". The amendments would include allowing all qualified electors to vote by mail ballot without the need of special circumstances, removal of witness/notary requirements, and altering of the emergency ballot process. Judiciary

## **ENVIRONMENT**

**H-7131 CROSS-CONNECTION PLANS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would repeal section 46-13-22 of the general laws that requires community public water systems and non-transient, non-community public water systems to prepare cross-connection control plans, and also provides for termination of water service for customers who fail to install cross-connection control devices. Corporations

**H-7247 CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would enable the Attorney General to bring an action in superior court to enforce the public interest in conservation restrictions if there are potential violations. Judiciary

**H-7250 RIGHTS-OF-WAY** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would require cities/towns to provide public parking on land close to or adjacent to CRMC designated rights-of-way along the Rhode Island shore. Municipal Government

**H-7262 HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP** (Almeida & Others) This act would exempt from liability a person who, in the normal course of governmental duties, provides assistance or services in mitigating hazardous discharge. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7367 HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP** (Walsh & Others) This act would exempt from liability a person who, in the normal course of governmental duties, provides assistance or services in mitigating hazardous discharge. But this exemption is specifically made not applicable to any person who works for any fire department or volunteer fire association or their hazardous materials and/or decontamination teams in any city/town or fire district. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7397Aaa 2011 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Watson)

**ART. 10 MUNICIPAL TIPPING FEES** This article continues the municipal tipping fee rates for an additional year as follows: @\$29.00 to \$32.00 per ton based on the percentage of solid waste recycled. Finance

**H-7406 INCINERATOR BAN** (Ferri & Others) This act would ban incinerators in Rhode Island with an exemption for those used only to combust on-site generated solid waste. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7503 POINT SOURCE DISCHARGERS** (Newberry & Others) This act would eliminate the state mandated fee system for point source dischargers which discharge sewage into the surface waters of the state. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7504 RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES** (Segal & M. Rice) This act would prohibit the adoption by cities/towns of ordinances which would have the effect of prohibiting the installation of solar collectors, clotheslines, weatherization improvements, gardens, or other energy devices based on renewable resources. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7511 PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY** ( Newberry & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that any community water system serving a population of 10,000 or more has to directly deliver a full copy of the consumer confidence report to each household within the water system's service area that receives water from that system. H.E.W.

**H-7531 STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM INSPECTION** (Newberry & Edwards) This act would eliminate the state requirement that all storm drainage systems that are part of a regulated small municipal separate storm sewer system (small MS4), as defined in Department of Environmental Management rules and regulations, be inspected at least once per year. Municipal Government

**H-7549 BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES** (Newberry & Martin) This act would prohibit the Director of the Department of Health from adopting regulations which govern or control backflow prevention devices for public water supply. H.E.W.

**H-7552 SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS** (McNamara & Others) This act would impose a statewide moratorium for a period of 5 years on all Department of Emergency Management ordered upgrades on sewage disposal systems except in the situation of an imminent health danger. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7585 HIGHWAY ABANDONMENT** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would require the prior approval of the General Assembly when a city/town is transferring any highway or driftway to a private entity if the highway or driftway is within 200 ft. of a waterway subject to the jurisdiction of the Coastal Resources Management Council or the Department of Environmental Management. Municipal Government

**H-7587 INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS** (San Bento & Others) This act would maintain that the holders of licenses for installation of individual sewage disposal systems issued by the Director of Environmental Management are authorized to make sewer connections to public sewer systems. Municipal Government

**H-7590 COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL** (Schadone & Others) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. Oversight

**H-7591 COASTAL RESOURCES** (Naughton & Coderre) This act would dissolve the current Coastal Resources Management Council and replace it with a new executive department to be known as the Department of Coastal Resources Management. Oversight

**H-7609 NO DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE DECAL - REQUIRED** (Ehrhardt) This act would have section 46-12-39.1 entitled "No discharge certificate decal – Required" expire on December 31, 2010, and be replaced with a new section entitled "No discharge sign – Required" to take effect on January 1, 2011. This sign must be displayed by all vessels operating or mooring in state waters for more than 30 days if the vessel has a permanently installed marine toilet. Harbormasters and Assistant Harbormasters would enforce this provision. Environment & Natural Resources.

**H-7617 MUNICIPAL TIPPING FEES** (Menard & Others) This act would end the automatic increase in the municipal tipping fee which was equal to 107.5% of the prior fiscal year's municipal tipping fee. This fee increase provision was to be applied through the 2009 fiscal year only. Finance

**H-7639 COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL** (Ehrhardt & Others) This act would redefine what constitutes a quorum for the Coastal Resources Management Council, changing it from 7 members to a simple majority of directors holding office. Oversight

**H-7640 COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL** (Ehrhardt & Others) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. It also would create the Permanent Joint Committee on Coastal Resources consisting of 8 members. Oversight

**H-7674 HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP** (Walsh & Others) This act would exempt from liability a person, who in the normal course of governmental duties, provides assistance or services in mitigating hazardous discharge. This exemption is made specifically applicable to city/town fire departments, fire districts, volunteer fire associations and their hazardous materials and/or decontamination teams. Judiciary

**H-7713 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD** (Segal & Others) This act would make various amendments to Chapter 39-26 of the general laws entitled "Renewable Energy Standard". Many of the amendments concern the concept of "eligible net-metered energy system" and its effect on the billing of customers. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7714 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD** (Segal & Others) This act would make various amendments to Chapter 39-26 of the general laws entitled "Renewable Energy Standard". It would diversify the state's energy generation sources by increasing maximum allowable distributed generation capacities, and would provide for "renewable energy public/private partnerships" and a "multi-municipality nonprofit energy consortium". Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7715 SMALL WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS** (Carnevale) This act would allow the installation of small wind energy systems subject to regulations and standards. It would mandate certain specific provisions for municipal zoning ordinances, create a system of fees including the requirement that a permit be obtained, and make the system subject to a structural and electrical inspection by a local official. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7719 CLIMATE RISK REDUCTION** (Segal & Fierro) This act, designed to provide measures to reduce the impact of climate change, would establish a tree canopy program. This program will target municipalities containing a population of 100,000 or more residents to achieve 30% tree canopy cover by 2020. The act also makes the effects of climate change a subject to be addressed in comprehensive plans. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7720 THE GREEN BUILDINGS AND JOB CREATION ACT** (Handy & Others) This act would require that all public buildings including schools being constructed or renovated to meet "green building requirements". The act also would include provisions authorizing cities to create a revolving loan fund to finance distributed generation renewable energy sources or energy efficiency improvements, and the development of employment and training services to support energy efficient initiatives. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7738 GREEN HOUSING INVESTMENT INITIATIVE** (Handy & Others) This act would allow the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation to establish a residential loan program for the funding of low and medium-level energy retrofitting in owner-occupied properties. Repayment of these loans may take the form of an addition to local property tax bills. Finance

**H-7783 HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP** (Watson) This act would provide an exemption from liability to a person, who in the normal course of governmental duties, participates in the clean up of oil spills. This exemption would apply to fire departments and fire districts. Judiciary

**H-7813 WALKS ALONG A BEACH** (Kilmartin & Gallison) This act would authorize the Coastal Resources Management Council to protect the public's right to walk along a 10 ft. wide strip of dry sand along a beach. Oversight

**H-7856 EMISSIONS FROM SCHOOL BUSES** (Sullivan & Others) This act would establish new and updated standards for lowering emissions from school buses. H.E.W.

**H-7944 RADON REDUCTION** (Lally) This act would provide that all public water supply systems must reduce radon levels in drinking water to a minimum 4,000 pCi/L no later than January 1, 2013. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-8031 MUNICIPAL WATER METER REPLACEMENT** (Almeida & Carnevale) This act would relieve municipalities and water districts from the requirement of hiring only licensed plumbers to replace water meters. Municipal Government

**H-8076 MUNICIPAL WATER METER REPLACEMENT** (Jackson & Others) This act would relieve municipalities and water districts from the requirement of hiring only licensed plumbers to replace water meters. Labor

**H-8120      HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP** (Walsh & Others) This act would exempt from liability a person who provides assistance or advice either in mitigating the effects of an accidental or threatened discharge of hazardous materials, or in preventing, cleaning up or disposing of the discharge. This exemption is made specifically applicable to city/town fire departments, fire districts, volunteer fire associations and their hazardous materials and /or decontamination teams. Judiciary

**S-2126      RADON REDUCTION** (Tassoni) This act would provide that all public water supply systems must reduce radon levels in drinking water to a minimum 4,000 pCi/L no later than January 1, 2013. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2127      COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. It also would create the Permanent Joint Committee on Coastal Resources consisting of 8 members. Government Oversight

**S-2161      CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would enable the Attorney General to bring an action in superior court to enforce the public interest in conservation restrictions if there are potential violations. Judiciary

**S-2184      HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP** (Algiere & Others) This act would exempt from liability a person who, in the normal course of governmental duties, provides assistance or services in mitigating hazardous discharge. But this exemption is specifically made not applicable to any person who works for any fire department or volunteer fire association or their hazardous materials and/or decontamination teams in any city/town or fire district. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2437Aaa HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP** (Algiere & Others) This act would exempt from liability a person who provides assistance or advice either in mitigating the effects of an accidental or threatened discharge of hazardous materials, or in preventing, cleaning up or disposing of the discharge. This exemption is made specifically applicable to city/town fire departments, fire districts, volunteer fire associations and their hazardous materials and/or decontamination teams. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2439      CLIMATE RISK REDUCTION** (Miller) This act, designed to provide measures to reduce the impact of climate change, would establish a tree canopy program. This program will target municipalities containing a population of 100,000 or more residents to achieve 30% tree canopy cover by 2020. The act also makes the effects of climate change a subject to be addressed in comprehensive plans. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2441      ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM** (Tassoni & Others) This act would create the "Rhode Island Artificial Reef Program" which would provide a mechanism through which local municipalities are permitted to place vessels in Rhode Island waters as artificial reefs, and may apply for state matching grants for the placement of decommissioned MARAD and United States vessels. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2497      RIGHTS-OF-WAY** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would require cities/towns to provide public parking on land close to or adjacent to CRMC designated rights-of-way along the Rhode Island shore. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2520      EMISSIONS FROM SCHOOL BUSES** (Miller & Others) This act would establish new and updated standards for lowering emissions from school buses. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2522      RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES** (Miller & Others) This act would prohibit the adoption by cities/towns of ordinances which would have the effect of prohibiting the installation of solar collectors, clotheslines, weatherization improvements, gardens, or other energy devices based on renewable resources. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2575      FINANCING CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS** (Pichardo & Goodwin) This act would enable municipalities to authorize contracts to provide loans to property owners for the initial acquisition and installation of clean energy improvements for both existing properties and new construction. Finance

**S-2592      CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would enable the Attorney General to bring an action in superior court to enforce the public interest in conservation restrictions if there are potential violations. Judiciary

**S-2667      SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS** (McCaffrey) This act would impose a statewide moratorium for a period of 5 years on all Department of Environmental Management ordered upgrades on sewage disposal systems except in the situation of an imminent health danger. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2700      ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS** (Blais) This act would require that the Director of the Department of Environmental Management assign to local municipalities the duty and authority to inspect, enforce and issue permits for onsite wastewater treatment systems with a design flow of 2,000 gallons or less per day. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2735      RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD** (Miller & Others) This act would make various amendments to Chapter 39-26 of the general laws entitled "Renewable Energy Standard". Many of the amendments concern the concept of "eligible net-metered energy system" and its effect on the billing of customers. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2736      RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD** (Miller & Others) This act would make various amendments to Chapter 39-26 of the general laws entitled "Renewable Energy Standard". It would diversify the state's energy generation sources by increasing maximum allowable distributed generation capacities, and would provide for "renewable energy public/private partnerships" and a "multi-municipality nonprofit energy consortium". Environment & Agriculture

**S-2952 CROSS-CONNECTION PLANS** (Maselli & Jabour) This act would repeal section 46-13-22 of the general laws that requires community public water systems and non-transient, non-community public water systems to prepare cross-connection control plans, and also provides for termination of water service for customers who fail to install cross-connection control devices. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2969 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD** (Connors) This act would add small hydro facilities that generate electricity to those facilities that qualify for "net metering" with an electrical distribution company. Environment & Agriculture

### **FINANCE & TAXATION**

**H-7011 STATE MANDATES** (M. Rice & Others) This act would provide that, if during any fiscal year the state reimbursement to cities/towns and school districts is insufficient to cover the costs of state mandates as reported by the Department of Revenue, those affected cities/towns and school districts may cease implementation of state mandates at their discretion up to 50% of the value of the reimbursement shortfall. Finance

**H-7024 VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS** (M. Rice & Others) This act would change the deadline for applying for a veteran's tax exemption to 5 days prior to the certification of the tax roll. Municipal Government

**H-7038 REVALUATION COMPANIES** (Pollard) This act would require that revaluation companies must advise homeowners that they have a constitutional right to refuse entry onto or into their property for interior inspection of their home. Judiciary

**H-7073 REAL ESTATE TAX REFORM ACT OF 2010** (Carter & Others) This act would provide local communities with an optional method for the determination of local real estate taxes. Finance

**H-7106 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX** (Serpa) This act would provide that buses, trucks and trailers are not subject to excise tax on the condition that they are "utilized substantially in interstate commerce", a change from the current language of "utilized exclusively". Finance

**H-7113 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS** (Pollard) This act would provide that a taxpayer, upon a successful challenge or appeal of a property assessment within 90 days of the actual notice, be reimbursed for all costs plus 5.5% of the amount of the reduction and attorney's fees. Judiciary

**H-7150 MAXIMUM TAX LEVY** (Pacheco & Others) This act would affect the calculation of the maximum tax levy applied to cities/towns if they experience growth in their tax base as the result of major new construction. Finance



**H-7159      LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES** (Gemma & Others) This act would make certain technical amendments/clarifications to the general law sections concerning the assessment of real property, and the timing and process of appeals. The provisions of the act would apply to tax year 2010 (i.e. valuations as of 12/31/09) and thereafter. This act would not apply retroactively to appeals of prior assessments whether pending or filed after enactment. Municipal Government

**H-7185      ASSESSMENT SERVICES: ENTRY UPON REAL ESTATE** (Pollard) This act would establish financial penalties against anyone who enters upon real estate to perform tax assessment services without obtaining written permission from at least one of the owners. Judiciary

**H-7194      VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS** (Carter & Others) This act would give cities/towns the option of totally exempting from taxation the homestead of a totally disabled veteran or his/her surviving spouse. Municipal Government

**H-7216      REVALUATIONS** (Schadone & Others) This act would change the current schedule for the required assessment revaluation of municipal real estate so that the revaluation would be required every 8 years instead of the current 9 years, and updated every 4 years from the last revaluation rather than the current 3 years. Municipal Government

**H-7276      TAX SALES: RIHMFC** (Almeida & Others) This act would require tax collectors to notify the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation of pending tax sales. It also would amend the section pertaining to petitions for foreclosure of redemption as it affects properties acquired by RIHMFC. Judiciary

**H-7298      SEWAGE CHARGES** (Flaherty & Others) This act would exempt any building used exclusively for religious worship, and up to 5 acres immediately surrounding that building, from municipal sewage charges. Municipal Government

**H-7368      BOTTLED SOFT DRINK TAX** (Ajello & Others) This act would impose a sales tax on every bottled soft drink sold in Rhode Island. All sums received as a result of this tax would be distributed on a quarterly basis to the city/town in which the bottled soft drink was sold. Finance

**H-7373      MUNICIPAL SERVICES PRO RATA REIMBUSEMENT** (Carnevale & Others) This act would permit municipalities to seek reimbursement for public safety services provided to tax exempt public and private institutions on a pro rata basis according to assessed property value serviced. Finance

**H-7397Aaa 2010 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Watson)

**ART. 23 MOTOR VEHICLE REIMBURSEMENTS** This article would limit motor vehicle reimbursements payable to cities/towns in the year ending June 30, 2010, to 88% of the reimbursements that were due and payable under the present law. It also would limit future reimburseable exemptions to \$500, although cities/towns may provide an additional exemption that is not reimburseable. Also it would restore the authority of fire districts to levy excise taxes. Finance

**H-7411 EXCISE TAX REIMBURSEMENT** (MacBeth & Others) This act would require that each city/town be reimbursed from state general revenues for the lost tax revenue in fiscal year 2010 due to the phase out or reduction of the excise tax. The reimbursement rate shall be at \$26.00 per \$1,000.00 of valuation. Finance

**H-7457 MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES** (Jacquard & Others) This act would require obtaining a municipal lien certificate certifying the payment of all tangible personal property taxes upon the sale or transfer of more than 50% of the assets or ownership interest of a business. Municipal Government

**H-7459 EXEMPTION OR STABILIZING OF TAXES** (Jacquard & Others) This act would provide that the city/town council of any city/town that provides an exemption or stabilization of taxes must prepare and publicly release an analysis of the impact of the proposed project receiving the exemption prior to determining if the tax relief will be granted. Municipal Government

**H-7564 PROPERTY EXEMPT: PRIVATE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES** (Winfield & Petrarca) This act would permit any city/town council to make subject to taxation 20% of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property owned by private colleges and universities located within the municipality. Finance

**H-7568 UNFUNDED STATE MANDATES** (Gemma & Others) This act would repeal the requirement that cities/towns must comply with unfunded state mandates. Finance

**H-7610 TAXATION OF FARM, FOREST AND OPEN SPACE LAND** (M. Rice & Others) This act would add language that prohibits other quasi-governmental agencies or municipal entities from disturbing the Department of Environmental Management designation of land as farm land or forest land for the purpose of charging taxes. Finance

**H-7615 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES** (Menard & Winfield) This act would repeal the exemption from or stabilization of sales and use taxes for municipal economic development zones. Finance

**H-7622 TAX EXEMPTIONS: TRANSFER OF PROPERTY** (Jackson & Others) This act would provide that tax exemptions created by the general laws, public laws or municipal ordinances would not be affected by the transfer of an ownership interest in property if a life estate is retained, and by a transfer to a revocable or irrevocable living trust if certain conditions are met. Judiciary

**H-7635 REVALUATIONS** (Menard & Others) This act would delay the scheduled dates for municipalities to complete revaluations and updates for a period of 2 years, and, for the future, change the required update cycle from 3 years to 5 years. Municipal Government

**H-7636 BIWEEKLY PAYMENT OF SALARIES** (Baldelli-Hunt & Brien) This act would require that municipal employees and officers be paid biweekly. Municipal Government

**H-7656 FINANCIAL TOWN MEETINGS: RESIDENCY** (Kilmartin) This act would impose the state income tax on a property owner who is not domiciled in this state if that person votes at a financial town meeting. Finance

**H-7663 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX** (Serpa & Others) This act would provide that buses, trucks and trailers are not subject to the excise tax on the condition that they are utilized more than 80% of the time in interstate commerce, a change from the current language of "utilized exclusively". Finance

**H-7725 TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX** (Loughlin & Newberry) This act would allow cities/towns to reduce their tangible personal property tax to 0%, and to eliminate the classification and depreciation table for business tangible personal property. Finance

**H-7728 MUNICIPAL FISCAL FUTURES COMMISSION** (Watson) This act would address the procedures cities/towns should follow if budget deficits exist, including submission of a deficit reduction plan. The act also would create a permanent Municipal Fiscal Futures Commission that would periodically monitor the fiscal health of municipalities. Finance

**H-7738 GREEN HOUSING INVESTMENT INITIATIVE** (Handy & Others) This act would allow the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation to establish a residential loan program for the funding of low and medium-level energy retrofitting in owner-occupied properties. Repayment of these loans may take the form of an addition to local property tax bills. Finance

**H-7808 BUDGET AND REVIEW COMMISSIONS** (Watson) This act would authorize a budget and review commission to suspend or modify collective bargaining agreements between the municipality and/or school district with their employees relating to compensation, assignment of personnel or deployment of equipment. Labor

**H-7823 AUTOMOBILE EXCISE TAX** (MacBeth & Others) This act would distribute the automobile excise tax appropriated for FY 2011 to the cities/towns proportionately to the assessed valuation of all vehicles in each city/town. Finance

**H-7851 LOCAL TAXES: STATE-OWNED PROPERTY** (Lima) This act would remove state-owned property from the exemption from local property taxes. Finance

**H-7858 HISTORICAL CEMETERIES** (Caprio & Others) This act would make several amendments to the general laws regarding historical cemeteries. Some of these amendments would affect the duties of the recorder of deeds and local tax assessors regarding registration procedures. The act also would authorize cities/towns to provide by ordinance for an abatement of taxes and/or reimbursement of expenses incurred in maintaining the historical cemetery. Municipal Government

**H-7864 MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS** (Petrarca & O'Neill) This act would expand the definition of "owners of motor vehicles" for registration and property tax purposes to include partnerships, firms, associations, corporations, and limited liability companies authorized to do business in this state, which vehicles operate on state roads for more than 30 days. Corporations

**H-7869 UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING** (Gablinske & Others) This act would create a uniform system of accounting promulgated by the Office of Auditor General and the Division of Municipal Finance, and would require all accounts of the municipality to be kept in accordance with this system. Municipal Government

**H-7879 TAX EXEMPT ENTITIES** (Diaz & Others) This act would require the state to reimburse cities/towns through an apportionment formula for the loss of property taxes due to the acquisition of real property by a tax exempt entity. Finance

**H-7905 PROPERTY EXEMPT: IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS** (Ucci & Others) This act would exempt from the real property tax all improvements made to real property or any renovations to existing buildings or houses completed in the calendar years of 2011, 2012 and 2013. Finance

**H-7906 STUDENT ASSESSMENT FEE FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES** (Petrarca & Winfield) This act would allow municipalities to authorize a student assessment fee for the purpose of offsetting the cost of providing municipal services to students attending private institutions of higher education. The fee would be assessed on the private institution. Finance

**H-7928 TAX COLLECTIONS: INTEREST CHARGES** (McCauley & Others) This act would give municipalities the authority to require immediate payment of taxes on any late installment, and to impose an interest charge only on that late installment. Municipal Government

**H-7989 MUNICIPAL BUDGET DECISIONS** (Edwards & Loughlin) This act would authorize cities/towns to postpone their FY 2010 and 2011 budget decisions, including financial town meetings, for up to 90 days notwithstanding the provisions of any general law, public law, local charter or ordinance. Municipal Government

**H-8002 MONEY MODEL BILL** (Segal & Others) This act would require state and local governments to give state financial institutions and banks with assets less than 10 billion dollars preference when awarding bids for banking or financial services. Finance

**H-8045      MUNICIPAL PENSION SYSTEMS** (Gablinske & Others) This act would provide that, if a municipality fails to make contributions to its municipal pension system, whether public or private, in the amounts required under law, the amount of state aid due that municipality will be reduced by an amount equal to the amount due and owed by the municipality to the retirement system. Finance

**H-8064aa    MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX** (Costantino & Others) This act would defer fourth quarter motor vehicle excise tax reimbursement payments to cities/towns and fire districts from May 1, 2010 until June 15, 2010. Also it would authorize cities/towns to postpone their FY 2010 and 2011 budget decisions, including financial town meetings, for up to 90 days notwithstanding the provisions of any general law, public law, local charter or ordinance. Passed As Amended

**H-8230      OPEB TRUSTS** (Gallison & Others) This act would add corporations established pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 45 entitled "Councils and Governing Bodies" to the list of entities that may act as trustee for trust agreements among school districts and banks or trust companies in reference to OPEB trusts. It also would allow school districts to utilize these corporations to advise on the investment of the OPEB trust fund. Finance

**H-8232      SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES** (Gallison & Others) This act would submit to the electors of the state a non-binding referendum question concerning the sharing of municipal services. Finance

**H-8233      COMMISSION ON SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES** (Gallison & Others) This joint resolution would create a permanent special legislative commission which purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study, and provide recommendations to create a more economic, efficient, and effective management of municipal services. Finance

**H-8234      OPEB TRUSTS** (Gallison & Others) This act would allow for shared service administration of OPEB trusts among municipalities. It also would add corporations established pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 45 entitled "Councils and Governing Bodies" to the list of entities that may act as trustee for trust agreements among municipalities and banks or trust companies in reference to OPEB trusts. Also it would allow municipalities to utilize these corporations to advise on the investment of the OPEB trust fund. Finance

**H-8240      FIRE DISTRICTS: EXCISE TAXES** (Guthrie & Others) This act would restore the authority of fire districts to levy excise taxes effective July 1, 2010. Finance

**H-8247A    DISTRESSED CITIES AND TOWNS: FINANCIAL STABILITY** (Costantino & Others) This act would provide a mechanism for the state to work with cities/towns undergoing financial distress that threatens their fiscal well-being, public safety and welfare, with the state providing varying levels of support and control depending on the circumstances. Finance

**H-8270      FIRE DISTRICTS: EXCISE TAXES** (Costantino & Others) This act would restore the authority of fire districts to levy excise taxes effective July 1, 2010. Finance

**H-8290 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS** (Ucci & Others) This act would authorize municipalities to extend homestead exemptions to owner-occupied buildings either located in nonresidential zones, or that are permitted a non-conforming use. Read and Passed

**S-2014 VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS** (Sosnowski) This act would change the deadline for applying for a veteran's tax exemption to 5 days prior to the certification of the tax roll. Finance

**S-2016 VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would give cities/towns the option of totally exempting from taxation the homestead of a totally disabled veteran or his/her surviving spouse. Finance

**S-2024 UNFUNDED MANDATES** (Raptakis & Others) This resolution would support a moratorium on all unfunded mandates. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2109 MAXIMUM LEVY CAP** (Walaska & Bates) This act would provide that the maximum levy cap on property taxes provided for in general law section 44-5-2 would only apply to Rhode Island residents. Finance

**S-2110 HOTEL TAX** (DiPalma & Others) This act would increase from 25% to 32% the share of hotel tax given to a city/town in which the hotel is located, and would eliminate the 7% distribution to the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau. Finance

**S-2114 UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING** (DiPalma & Others) This act would create a uniform system of accounting promulgated by the Office of Auditor General and Division of Municipal Finance, and would require all accounts of the municipality to be kept in accordance with this system. Finance

**S-2118 RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION** (Maselli) This act would make land leased by the Resource Recovery Corporation to a private entity subject to taxation by the municipality in which it is located. Finance

**S-2132 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would allow public-private partnerships which are contractual agreements formed between a public agency and a private sector entity that would allow for greater private sector participation in the delivery of transportation projects. "Transportation facilities" as defined in the act would be exempt from real and tangible personal property taxes and special assessments levied against property by the state and local municipality. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2188 PROPERTY EXEMPT: INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING** (Metts) This act would remove the tax exempt status for real and personal property of any private college, university or other institutions of higher learning. Finance

**S-2199 BOTTLED SOFT DRINK TAX** (Perry & Others) This act would impose a sales tax on every bottled soft drink sold in Rhode Island. All sums received as a result of collection of this tax would be distributed on a quarterly basis to the city/town in which the bottled soft drink was sold. Finance

**S-2248A MUNICIPAL SHARED SERVICES** (DiPalma & Others) This senate resolution would create a special senate commission to study the concept and feasibility of municipal shared services. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2280 PERFORMANCE AUDITS** (Sheehan & Others) This act would establish a performance audit division within the Auditor General's Office. Among its duties would be making performance audits of units of local government when directed by the Speaker of the House or President of the Senate. Finance

**S-2370 HISTORIC STRUCTURES – TAX CREDIT** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would make amounts expended for "qualified rehabilitation expenditures" over \$1,000 for historic structures subject to the prevailing wages requirements of public work projects. Labor

**S-2408 UNPAID TAXES** (Pinga & Others) This act would limit the interest rate on unpaid taxes to 12% per annum, a reduction from the previously allowed maximum of 18%. Finance

**S-2414 REVALUATIONS** (Picard) This act would change the current schedule for the required assessment revaluation of municipal real estate so that the revaluation would be required every 10 years instead of the current 9 years, and updated every 5 years from the last revaluation rather than the current 3 years. Finance

**S-2459 TAX SALES** (Levesque) This act would require the tax collector to give not less than 40 days notice of tax sales of property to the Department of Elderly Affairs if the property is owned by persons 65 years of age or older. Judiciary

**S-2529 TAX EXEMPT ENTITIES** (Jabour & Others) This act would require the state to reimburse cities/towns through an apportionment formula for the loss of property taxes due to the acquisition of real property by a tax exempt entity. Finance

**S-2624 SALE OF REAL PROPERTY BY NONRESIDENTS** (Blais & Maher) This act would provide that 2% of the monies withheld by a buyer of real property from a nonresident owner for income tax purposes would inure to the municipality in which the property is situated. If the municipality has created a municipal land trust then 1/2 of the municipality's share would be paid to that land trust. Finance

**S-2655 STUDENT ASSESSMENT FEE FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES** (Tassoni) This act would allow municipalities to authorize a student assessment fee for the purpose of off-setting the cost of providing municipal services to students attending private institutions of higher education. The fee would be assessed on the private institution. Finance

**S-2668      MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS** (Tassoni) This act would expand the definition of "owners of motor vehicles" for registration and property tax purposes to include partnerships, firms, associations, corporations, and limited liability companies authorized to do business in this state, which vehicles operate on state roads for more than 30 days. Finance

**S-2679      TAX SALES: RIHMFC** (Metts & Others) This act would require tax collectors to notify the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation of pending tax sales. It would also amend the section pertaining to petitions for foreclosure of redemption as it affects properties acquired by RIHMFC. Judiciary

**S-2701      MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX** (Raptakis) This act would provide that buses, trucks and trailers are not subject to the excise tax on the condition that they are utilized more than 80% of the time in interstate commerce, a change from the current language of "utilized exclusively". Finance

**S-2748      TAX COLLECTIONS: INTEREST CHARGES** (Goodwin) This act would give municipalities the authority to require immediate payment of taxes on any late installment, and to impose an interest charge only on that late installment. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2779      SODA TAX ACT** (Sosnowski & Perry) This act would authorize cities/towns to impose an additional local sales (beverage) tax on sugar sweetened beverages, which beverage tax would not exceed 20%. Finance

**S-2781A      MUNICIPAL BUDGET DECISIONS** (Felag & DiPalma) This act would authorize cities/towns to postpone their Fy 2010 and 2011 budget decisions, including financial town meetings, for up to 90 days notwithstanding the provisions of any general law, public law, local charter or ordinance. Finance

**S-2817aa      MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX** (DaPonte) This act would defer fourth quarter motor vehicle excise tax reimbursement payments to cities/towns and fire districts from May 1, 2010 until June 15, 2010. Also it would authorize cities/towns to postpone their FY 2010 and 2011 budget decisions, including financial town meetings, for up to 90 days notwithstanding the provisions of any general law, public law, local charter or ordinance. Finance

**S-2852      TAX COLLECTIONS: INTEREST CHARGES** (Goodwin) This act would give municipalities the authority to require immediate payment of taxes on any late installment, and to impose an interest charge only on that late installment. Finance

**S-2873      PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Ciccone & Ruggerio) This act would require the state to pay a municipality 5% of the property taxes that would have been due but for the fact that the property was exempt from taxation. The act also would exempt any state owned and operated public nonprofit institutions of higher education from taxation. Finance



**S-2936 OPEB TRUSTS** (DiPalma & Blais) This act would add corporations established pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 45 entitled "Councils and Governing Bodies" to the list of entities which may act as trustee for trust agreements among school districts and banks or trust companies in reference to OPEB trusts. It also would allow school districts to utilize these corporations to advise on the investment of the OPEB trust fund. Finance

**S-2942 SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES** (DiPalma & Blais) This act would submit to the electors of the state a non-binding referendum question concerning the sharing of municipal services. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2943 COMMISSION ON SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES** (DiPalma & Blais) This joint resolution would create a permanent special legislative commission which purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study, and provide recommendations to create a more economic, efficient, and effective management of municipal services. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2944 OPEB TRUSTS** (DiPalma & Blais) This act would allow for shared service administration of OPEB trusts among municipalities. It also would add corporations established pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 45 entitled "Councils and Governing Bodies" to the list of entities which may act as trustee for trust agreements among municipalities and banks or trust companies in reference to OPEB trusts. Also it would allow municipalities to utilize these corporations to advise on the investment of the OPEB trust fund. Finance

**S-2997A DISTRESSED CITIES AND TOWNS: FINANCIAL STABILITY** (DaPonte) This act would provide a mechanism for the state to work with cities/towns undergoing financial distress that threatens their fiscal well-being, public safety and welfare, with the state providing varying levels of support and control depending on the circumstances. Finance

**S-3005 FIRE DISTRICTS: EXCISE TAXES** (Connors & Picard) This act would restore the authority of fire districts to levy excise taxes effective July 1, 2010. Finance

**S-3006 MUNICIPAL PENSIONS** (DaPonte) This resolution would extend the reporting date of the special senate commission to study municipal pensions from June 30, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Immediate Consideration

**S-3013 STATE MANDATES** (Blais & Others) This resolution would create a special legislative commission to study relief from state mandates. Immediate Consideration

**S-3016 EXCISE TAX ON RENTAL VEHICLES** (DaPonte) This joint resolution would create a legislative commission to study issues pertaining to excise tax on rental vehicles including efficacy of separate local excise taxation on rented and leased vehicles. Immediate Consideration

## **HOUSING**

**H-7045 POST FORECLOSURE EVICTION** (Edwards & Others) This act would prohibit mortgagees who acquire residential real estate at a foreclosure sale from evicting tenants residing in these properties until the property transfers from the mortgagee to another non-financial institution, provided the tenant pays any rent due to the mortgagee. Judiciary

**H-7058 LENDER OF LAST RESORT** (Pollard & Mattiello) This act would make the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation a lender of last resort to any individual who does not qualify for loans under FHA guidelines, and prohibit RIHMFC from competing, directly or indirectly, with lenders in the open market. Corporations

**H-7191 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE** (Almeida & Others) This act would require a mortgagee to notify tenants of the date, time and place of a foreclosure sale along with contact information for Rhode Island Legal Services and HUD approved counseling agencies in Rhode Island. It would also require that any successor in interest to a foreclosed mortgagor continue to provide essential services such as heat, running water, hot water, electric or gas. Judiciary

**H-7192 FORECLOSURE DEEDS** (Almeida & Others) This act would require foreclosure deeds be recorded within 30 days of the foreclosure sale with failure to do so rendering the sale null and void. This act would also establish a monthly periodic tenancy subject to the provisions of the "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act" for bona fide tenants of a mortgagor. Judiciary

**H-7213 LANDLORD PAYMENT OF FUEL OIL** (Ajello & Others) This act would require a landlord to pay a departing tenant the value of the fuel oil left in the tank upon the tenant vacating the premises. Judiciary

**H-7326 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Lally & Caprio) This act also would include rental units in the definition of low and moderate income housing, including naturally occurring, in which the amount of rent charged falls within the appropriate amounts as defined by the applicable federal or state statutes. It also would include units which utilize the HUD Section 8 program. Municipal Government

**H-7488 IMMIGRATION STATUS** (Slater & Others) This act would prohibit a landlord from asking the immigration status of a prospective tenant, or from being compelled to do so by a local municipality or housing agency. Judiciary

**H-7530 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Newberry & Driver) This act eliminates language requiring cities/towns that were not in conformity with low and moderate income housing implementation goals to prepare a comprehensive plan housing element. Municipal Government

**H-7623 SECURITY DEPOSITS** (Segal) This act would require landlords to place security deposits in an interest bearing escrow account, and to pay all accrued interest upon the termination of the tenancy. Judiciary

**H-7675 TERMINATION OF TENANCY: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would allow tenants to terminate rights and obligations under a lease, vacate the dwelling, and avoid liability for future rent if they are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. Judiciary

**H-7676 COMMUNITY CONFINEMENT** (Kilmartin) This act would require persons placed on community confinement who are tenants under a rental agreement to notify their landlord of their community confinement status. Judiciary

**H-7730 NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM** (Pacheco & Others) This act would establish and fund the neighborhood opportunities program to address the housing and revitalization needs of the state's deteriorating neighborhoods. Finance

**H-7738 GREEN HOUSING INVESTMENT INITIATIVE** (Handy & Others) This act would allow the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation to establish a residential loan program for the funding of low and medium-level retrofitting in owner-occupied properties. Repayment of these loans may take the form of an addition to local property tax bills. Finance

**H-7816 HOME ENERGY RATE AFFORDABILITY ACT** (Handy & Others) This act would create the "Home Energy Rate Affordability Act". A program would be implemented by the Governor's Office of Energy Resources which purpose it would be to insure that utility rates are affordable for households of limited means. Finance

**H-7878 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE** (Almeida & Others) This act would require that a mortgagee, after an individual consumer mortgagor's delinquency commences, provide written notice within 45 days to the clerk or recorder of deeds of the city/town in which the property is located. Counseling between the mortgagor and mortgagee is mandatory, and must be provided by a HUD-approved independent counseling agency. This requirement must be complied with prior to acceptance and recording in the land evidence records. Judiciary

**H-7987 FORECLOSURE ADVERTISING** (Lally) This act would eliminate an inconsistency in foreclosure advertising regarding the calculation of the time frame between the third publication and the original sale date. Judiciary

**H-8008 FORECLOSURE PROTECTION** (Serpa & Others) This act would prevent foreclosure for a period of 6 months on homes whose owners were current in their mortgage payments, and lost employment due to the March and April 2010 floods. Judiciary

**H-8154 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE** (Lally & Jackson) This act would preempt cities/towns from regulating or seeking to impose any requirement, duty or obligation affecting the rights of any mortgagee or person who acquires title, and the occupants of the property subject to the mortgage during a foreclosure situation. Judiciary

**S-2030 LANDLORD PAYMENT OF FUEL OIL** (Bates & Others) This act would require a landlord to pay a departing tenant the value of the fuel oil left in the tank upon the tenant vacating the premises. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2136 HOUSING AUTHORITIES** (Tassoni) This act would amend the various city and town housing authority provisions by requiring that two additional members be appointed who are residents of public housing facilities. Term limits also would be established. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2149 FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES** (Metts & Others) This act would make various amendments to the "Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act" which prohibit discrimination based upon "government assistance recipient status". Judiciary

**S-2151 IMMIGRATION STATUS** (Metts & Pichardo) This act would prohibit a landlord from asking the immigration status of a prospective tenant, or from being compelled to do so by a local municipality or housing agency. Judiciary

**S-2214 RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS** (Tassoni) This act would allow a landlord who has a tenant who is more than 10 days in arrears in rent, as opposed to the current 15 days, to send a notice of nonpayment. It would abolish the landlord's current obligation to have the tenants and their possessions removed and stored by the sheriff serving the court execution. Judiciary

**S-2292 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Sheehan) This act also would include rental units in the definition of low and moderate income housing, including naturally occurring, in which the amount of rent charged falls within the appropriate amounts as defined by the applicable federal or state statutes. It also would include units which utilize the HUD Section 8 Program. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2296 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES** (Pichardo & Others) This act would establish a "Central Foreclosure Registry" within the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, and in partnership with the Housing Resources Commission. The purposes of the registry would include capturing the actual number of foreclosures in every municipality. To this end all municipalities would provide to the registry copies of all foreclosure deeds filed in the land evidence records at least once per month. It also mandates that foreclosure deeds be recorded within 30 days of the date of sale, reducing the current 45 days time frame. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2321 MORATORIUM ON FORECLOSURES** (Levesque) This act would impose an immediate 180 day moratorium on foreclosure sales and initiation of eviction proceedings against tenants in any foreclosed property. Also, during this moratorium period registrars of deeds would not be able to accept for recording a foreclosure deed pursuant to a foreclosure sale. Judiciary

**S-2459 TAX SALES** (Levesque) This act would require the tax collector to give not less than 40 days notice of tax sales of property to the Department of Elderly Affairs if the property is owned by persons 65 years of age or older. Judiciary

**S-2572 HOME ENERGY RATE AFFORDABILITY ACT** (Miller & Others) This act would create the "Home Energy Rate Affordability Act". A program would be implemented by the Governor's Office of Energy Resources which purpose it would be to insure that utility rates are affordable for households of limited means. Corporations

**S-2585 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE** (Pichardo & Goodwin) This act would require that a mortgagee, after an individual consumer mortgagor's delinquency commences, provide written notice within 45 days to the clerk or recorder of deeds of the city/town in which the property is located. Counseling between the mortgagor and mortgagee is mandatory, and must be provided by a HUD-approved independent counseling agency. This requirement must be complied with prior to acceptance and recording in the land evidence records. Judiciary

**S-2586 NOTICE TO BONA FIDE TENANTS** (Pichardo & Goodwin) This act would require any successor in interest to a foreclosed mortgagor to meet certain notification requirements prior to evicting "bona fide tenants" occupying a foreclosed property. The act also provides that its provisions would preempt local ordinances and regulations of municipalities that are inconsistent or more burdensome on mortgagees. Judiciary

**S-2680 SECURITY DEPOSITS** (Perry & Others) This act would require landlords to place security deposits in an interest bearing escrow account, and to pay all accrued interest upon the termination of the tenancy. Judiciary

**S-2774A LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Tassoni) This act would extend the reporting date of the "Housing Act of 2004 Implementation Oversight Commission" to February 15, 2011, and the expiration date from March 31, 2010 to March 31, 2011. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2938 NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM** (Pichardo & Others) This act would establish and fund the neighborhood opportunities program to address the housing and revitalization needs of the state's deteriorating neighborhoods. Finance

## **LABOR RELATIONS**

**H-7325 WORK-SHARING BENEFITS** (Corvese) This act would, for the purposes of qualifying for unemployment compensation benefits under the work-sharing benefits provision, amend the definition of “eligible employer” to provide for the eligibility of public employees by deleting the term private. Labor

**H-7391 UNUSED SICK TIME** (Gablinske & Others) This act would prohibit the payment for unused sick time to any municipal employee. Labor

**H-7393 HEALTH CARE BENEFITS** (Brien & Baldelli-Hunt) This act would mandate that no collective bargaining agreement covering public school teachers, firefighters, police officers, and municipal employees of any city/town, school district or fire district provide for an employee contribution of less than 25% of the premium costs of health care and dental benefits. Labor

**H-7394 SCHOOL COMMITTEES: LABOR CONTRACTS** (Trillo & Others) This act would require that, if a city/town charter or ordinance empowers a city/town council to ratify the collective bargaining agreements of its school committees, then no collective bargaining agreement is effective unless ratified by the city/town council. Labor

**H-7428 UNUSED AND ACCUMULATED SICK TIME** (Trillo & Others) This act would prohibit the payment for unused or accumulated sick time for state and municipal employees, notwithstanding the provisions of a current collective bargaining agreement, and also would extend this prohibition to future agreements. Labor

**H-7527 ELECTRONIC EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION** (Diaz & Others) This act would provide that, except as required by federal law or as a condition of receiving federal funds, neither the state nor its municipalities shall require an employer to use an electronic employment verification system as a condition of receiving a government contract or applying for or maintaining a business license. Labor

**H-7528 HEALTH INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT** (Gablinske & Others) This act would require municipalities to limit to 10% of the health insurance premium per year the amount paid to employees who waive health insurance benefits. Labor

**H-7581 SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION** (Gemma & Others) This act would expand the scope of the binding arbitration process to include monetary issues for teachers and non-teacher educational employees. It also would streamline the actual binding arbitration process itself. Also, it would add provisions governing conduct of teachers during arbitration proceedings and creating a human capital management system. Labor

**H-7582 ARBITRATION OF LABOR CONTROVERSIES** (San Bento) This act would acknowledge arbitration as the preferred alternative labor dispute resolution mechanism, and would limit instances when an arbitration award can be vacated. Labor

**H-7808 BUDGET AND REVIEW COMMISSIONS** (Watson) This act would authorize a budget and review commission to suspend or modify collective bargaining agreements between the municipality and/or school district with their employees relating to compensation, assignment of personnel or deployment of equipment. Labor

**H-7819 HEALTH CARE BENEFITS** (Trillo) This act would require all state and municipal employees to contribute a minimum of 20% of the cost of health care benefits provided to them. The act would require that the state and municipalities not enter into any new contracts, extension of contracts, or renewal of contracts with any individuals or labor organizations unless the 20% co-share is included. The act also eliminates any payments to individuals for refusing the provided health care coverage. Finance

**H-7940 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION** (Almeida) This act would authorize the Labor Relations Board to certify and recognize union representatives of public employees who submit authorization cards signed by at least 70% of the eligible employee members of the bargaining unit. Labor

**H-7967 TEACHER COLLECTIVE BARGAINING** (Serpa & Others) This act would authorize city/town appropriating authorities to negotiate teacher collective bargaining agreements in place of school committees. Regional school districts are exempted from this change. This would be accomplished by eliminating language contained in various sections of the general laws that grants the school committees the authority to perform the collective bargaining function. Labor

**H-8027 TITLE 16: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REFERENCES** (Williamson) This act would eliminate all collective bargaining references and requirements throughout Title 16 – “Education”. Labor

**H-8029 EDUCATION: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING** (Williamson) This act would insert language throughout Title 16 – “Education” which provides that should the actual revenue to the school committee and/or district falls short of projected revenue for the given fiscal year, with the shortfall confirmed in writing by the Auditor General, then collective bargaining agreements must be deemed null and void. Labor

**S-2211 FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES** (Metts & Others) This act would prohibit the state and its municipalities from either refusing to hire a person or denying an individual a license to work in a particular trade based solely on previous conviction of a criminal offense. Judiciary

**S-2379 SCHOOL TEACHERS’ ARBITRATION** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would remove the \$5,000 cap on the payment of mediation expenses by the state pertaining to unresolved issues that are submitted to compulsory mediation between the negotiating or bargaining agent and the school committee. Labor

- S-2381 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would require the state to pay the cost of mediation expenses when unresolved issues are submitted to compulsory mediation between the negotiating or bargaining agent and the school committee or municipality. Labor
- S-2478 HEALTH CARE BENEFITS** (O'Neill & Others) This act would require all state and municipal employees to contribute a minimum of 20% of the cost of health care benefits provided to them. The act would require that the state and municipalities not enter into any new contracts, extension of contracts, or renewal of contracts with any individuals or labor organizations unless the 20% co-share is included. The act also eliminates any payments to individuals for refusing the provided health care coverage. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues
- S-2512 HEALTH CARE BENEFITS** (Cote & Picard) This act would mandate that no collective bargaining agreement covering public school teachers, firefighters, police officers, and municipal employees of any city/town, school district or fire district provide for an employee contribution of less than 25% of the premium costs of health care and dental benefits. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues
- S-2566 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION** (Goodwin) This act would authorize the Labor Relations Board to certify and recognize union representatives of public employees who submit authorization cards signed by at least 70% of the eligible employee members of the bargaining unit. Labor
- S-2603 SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION** (McCaffrey) This act would provide that, if a successor collective bargaining agreement has not been agreed to by the parties, then the terms and conditions of the existing contract would continue in effect until such time as an agreement has been reached between the parties. Labor
- S-2684 ARBITRATION OF LABOR CONTROVERSIES** (McCaffrey) This act would acknowledge arbitration as the preferred alternative labor dispute resolution mechanism, and would limit instances in which an arbitration award can be vacated. Labor
- S-2733 SCHOOL COMMITTEES: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS** (Walaska & Bates) This act would provide that a city/town council member would be included in any contract negotiations in which a school committee is participating, and would possess the right to vote on contract provisions. Education
- S-2939 UNRESOLVED ISSUES SUBMITTED TO ARBITRATION** (DiPalma) This act would allow an arbitration board, with the agreement of the parties, to render a decision that brings the bargaining agreement up to date, regardless of the amount of years in question, under the "Firefighters Arbitration" and the "Municipal Police Arbitration" statutes. Labor
- S-2949 TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE** (Gallo) This act would delay the implementation of the uniform benefit plan designs for health coverage for public school employees by one year. These benefit plans would now be applicable only to collective bargaining agreements expiring on or after June 30, 2011. Health & Human Services



## **LIQUOR CONTROL & LICENSES**

**H-7013 WEAPONS: LICENSE OR PERMIT FEE** (Corvese) This act would increase the fee for a weapons license or permit from \$40.00 to \$100.00, and would provide that nonresident licenses or permits would be valid for one year only. Finance

**H-7333 CLASS P LICENSES: CATERERS** (Marcello & Others) This act would allow a Class P license holder who also holds a Class B license to purchase alcoholic beverages at wholesale. Corporations

**H-7384 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: UNDERAGE PERSONS** (Caprio & Others) This act would eliminate the procedures used by liquor license holders to record the purchase of alcoholic beverages by persons suspected of being underage. Judiciary

**H-7404 CLASS N NIGHTCLUB LICENSE** (Hearn & Others) This act would eliminate under-age nights at nightclubs where alcoholic beverages are served by not allowing patrons under the age of 21 on the premises. Corporations

**H-7601 LIQUOR LICENSES: POLICE DETAILS** (Segal & Carnevale) This act would require liquor licensees to pay police detail bills in full before they are allowed to operate. It would require that the transferee of a license assume all previous penalties imposed by the licensing authority. It also would allow licensing authorities to prevent the admittance of persons under the age of 21 following violations on the premises. Corporations

**H-7649 "BYOB" ESTABLISHMENTS** (Kilmartin) This act would require proprietors of bring your own bottle (BYOB) establishments to demonstrate to the local licensing authority compliance with alcohol server training regulations. Corporations

**H-7828 MINOR BOOKS** (Pacheco) This act would eliminate the requirement that liquor license holders maintain a minor book or equipment for photographic reproduction used to record the purchase of alcoholic beverages by persons suspected of being underage. Judiciary

**H-7834 POSTING OF LIQUOR LICENSES** (Serpa & Others) This act would amend the provisions that require the posting of liquor licenses in plain view. The requirement is changed to "displaying on the premises". Judiciary

**H-7836 CLASS A LICENSES** (Pacheco) This act would now also require holders of Class A licenses to demonstrate compliance with alcohol server training regulations. The act would also reduce the time period from 60 days to 30 days in which a new employee of all classes of alcohol beverage licenses must demonstrate certification of alcohol server training. Judiciary

**H-8015 CONSUMER TASTING EVENTS** (Williamson) This act would allow any licensed manufacturer and/or wholesaler of distilled spirits to be permitted to conduct in-store consumer tasting events that are intended to be a presentation of alcoholic products to the public for the purpose of disseminating product information and education. Corporations

**H-8075 WINE AND BEER SAMPLINGS** (Williamson) This act would allow Class A license holders to conduct intoxicating beverage samplings of up to 3 servings not to exceed ¼ ounces each. Judiciary

**H-8095 UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS** (Williamson) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the local licensing municipality in order to install, repair, or replace underground utilities. It also would require that a bond be furnished by the contractor that would indemnify the local cities/towns. This act also would repeal section 5-20-11 of the general laws entitled "Licensing of Drainlayers and Installers". Corporations

**S-2176 CLASS P LICENSES: CATERERS** (Jabour & Others) This act would allow a Class P license holder who also holds a Class B license to purchase alcoholic beverages at wholesale. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2351 CLASS P LICENSES: CATERERS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would allow a Class P license holder who also holds a Class B license to purchase alcoholic beverages at wholesale. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2383 ELECTRICIANS: LIMITED MAINTENANCE LICENSE** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would amend language regarding municipalities which are issued a Certificate D – a limited maintenance license for electricians. It allows holders of a Certificate M – a limited maintenance journeyman's license to work on certain municipal electrical projects. Labor

**S-2472 UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS** (Walaska) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the licensing municipality in order to install, repair or replace underground utilities. It also would require that a bond be furnished by the underground utility contractor which would indemnify the cities/towns. This act also would repeal section 5-20-11 of the general laws entitled "Licensing of Drainlayers and Installers". Corporations

**S-2662 CLASS N NIGHTCLUB LICENSE** (Tassoni) This act would eliminate under-age nights at nightclubs where alcoholic beverages are served by not allowing patrons under the age of 21 on the premises. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2697 POSTING OF LIQUOR LICENSES** (Raptakis & Others) This act would amend the provisions that require the posting of liquor licenses in plain view. The requirement is changed to "displaying on the premises". Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2758 LIQUOR LICENSES: POLICE DETAILS** (Jabour & Others) This act would require liquor licensees to pay police details in full before they are allowed to operate. Also, it requires that the transferee of the license would assume all previous penalties imposed by the licensing authority. This act also would allow licensing authorities to prevent the admittance of persons under the age of 21 following violations on the premises. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

## **PLANNING & ZONING**

**H-7218 BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS** (Schadone & Others) This act would authorize an applicant who is seeking a physical alteration permit from the director of the Department of Transportation to simultaneously submit a request for access to the local planning board as part of the building permit process. Municipal Government

**H-7502 BAYS, RIVERS, AND WATERSHEDS** (Newberry) This act would repeal the provision of the general laws requiring cities/towns to amend their comprehensive plans to conform with the state guide plan for bays, rivers, and watersheds. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7530 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Newberry & Driver) This act eliminates language requiring cities/towns that were not in conformity with low and moderate income housing implementation goals to prepare a comprehensive plan housing element. Municipal Government

**H-7533 SUBDIVISION OF LAND** (Newberry & Driver) This act would repeal in its entirety "The Rhode Island Land Development and Subdivision Review Enabling Act of 1992". Municipal Government

**H-7583Aaa PERMITS AND APPROVALS: EXPIRATION PERIODS** (San Bento & Petrarca) This act would clarify the meaning of the term "tolling" as it pertains to any approval or permit issued by the state or local agencies. It would mean the suspension or temporary stopping of the running of any applicable periods. The act also would apply only to approvals and permits in effect on November 9, 2009, and those issued between November 9, 2009, and June 30, 2011, but would not revive any expired approval or permit. Municipal Government

**H-7586 SUBDIVISION OF LAND** (San Bento & Others) This act would make various amendments to general law Chapter 45-23 entitled "Subdivision of Land". The changes generally involve making information more readily available to the applicants, and requiring approvals or denials to be in writing. Municipal Government

**H-7715 SMALL WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS** (Carnevale) This act would allow the installation of small wind energy systems subject to regulations and standards. It would mandate certain specific provisions for municipal zoning ordinances, create a system of fees including the requirement that a permit be obtained, and make the system subject to a structural and electrical inspection by a local official. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7840 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** (Carter) This act would clarify that the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation and its subsidiaries must conform to the applicable provisions of the state guide plan, and if the project is situated on federal land it must conform substantially to the land use goals of the applicable comprehensive plan. Municipal Government

**H-7841 SUBDIVISION OF LAND** (Carter) This act would add a definition of “land suitable for development” that means the total land area of a lot including slopes and wetlands, considering the requirements of pertinent federal, state and local regulations. Municipal Government

**H-8104 MUNICIPAL REGULATORY AND PERMITTING REVIEW PROCESSES** (Shallcross Smith & Others) This act would allow a state agency with regulatory or permitting authority over a business to conduct a simultaneous review and approval process with other state or municipal agencies for the purpose of expediting the approval process. Small Business

**H-8105 RHODE ISLAND REGULATORY REFORM ACT** (Martin & Others) This act would create the Office of Regulatory Reform within the Economic Development Corporation which purpose it would be to facilitate the regular review of regulatory processes and permitting procedures, and to intervene in pending regulatory and permitting matters both at the state and local level. Small Business

**H-8269 COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT** (A. Rice) This act would amend the “Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act” by: setting a standard 20-year planning time frame; eliminating the requirement for 5-year updates; requiring plans to be replaced or readopted every 10 years; standardizing the maps needed for a comprehensive plan; planning for sea-level rise and other natural hazards; eliminating the non-functional Comprehensive Plan Appeals Board; and providing a one-time 12 month moratorium in order to allow time to revise zoning to conform to a newly adopted plan. Municipal Government

**S-2293 SUBDIVISION OF LAND** (Maselli) This act would add a definition of “land suitable for development” that means the total land area of a lot including slopes and wetlands, considering the requirements of pertinent federal, state and local regulations. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2439 CLIMATE RISK REDUCTION** (Miller) This act, designed to provide measures to reduce the impact of climate change, would establish a tree canopy program. This program will target municipalities containing a population of 100,000 or more residents to achieve 30% tree canopy cover by 2020. The act also makes the effects of climate change a subject to be addressed in comprehensive plans. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2570 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** (Sheehan & Others) This act would clarify that the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation and its subsidiaries must conform to applicable provisions of the state guide plan, and if the project is situated on federal land it must conform substantially to the land use goals of the applicable comprehensive plan. Corporations

**S-2656 PERMITS AND APPROVALS: EXPIRATION PERIODS** (Maselli & Tassoni) This act would clarify the meaning of the term “tolling” as it pertains to any approval or permit issued by the state or local agencies. It would mean the suspension or temporary stopping of the running of any applicable periods. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2678      COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT** (Blais) This act would amend various sections of Chapter 45-22.2 entitled "Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act", including extensive changes to sections involving required contents of comprehensive plans, and preparation and adoption of plans. This act also would do the following: repeal Chapter 45-22.3 – "State Comprehensive Plans Appeals Board"; amend Chapter 45-24 – "Zoning Ordinances"; and amend Section 42-11-10 – "Statewide planning program". Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2732      ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** (Sheehan & Others) This act would clarify that the Rhode island Economic Development Corporation and its subsidiaries must conform to the applicable provisions of the state guide plan, and if the project is situated on federal land it must conform substantially to the land use goals of the applicable comprehensive plan. Corporations

**S-2756      HISTORICAL AREA ZONING** (Jabour & Others) This act would expand the scope of an Historic District Commission's review powers in evaluating whether to issue a certificate of appropriateness if a structure is to be demolished or relocated. The act also would require more substantial information be provided during the application process. Judiciary

**S-2791      HISTORICAL AREA ZONING** (Jabour & Others) This act would expand the scope of an Historic District Commission's review powers in evaluating whether to issue a certificate of appropriateness if a structure is to be demolished or relocated. The act also would require more substantial information be provided during the application process. Judiciary

**S-2849      MUNICIPAL REGULATORY AND PERMITTING REVIEW PROCESSES** (Sheehan & Others) This act would allow a state agency with regulatory or permitting authority over a business to conduct a simultaneous review and approval process with other state or municipal agencies for the purpose of expediting the approval process. Corporations

**S-2851      RHODE ISLAND REGULATORY REFORM ACT** (Felag & Others) This act would create the Office of Regulatory Reform within the Economic Development Corporation which purpose it would be to facilitate the regular review of regulatory processes and permitting procedures, and to intervene in pending regulatory and permitting matters both at the state and local level. Corporations

**S-2901Aaa      COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT** (Tassoni & Others) This act would amend the "Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act" by: setting a standard 20-year planning time frame; eliminating the requirement for 5-year updates; requiring plans to be replaced or readopted every 10 years; standardizing the maps needed for a comprehensive plan; planning for sea-level rise and other natural hazards; eliminating the non-functional Comprehensive Plan Appeals Board; and providing a one-time 12 month moratorium in order to allow time to revise zoning to conform to a newly adopted plan. Housing & Municipal Government

## **PUBLIC SAFETY ( POLICE & FIRE )**

**H-7015      TRESPASSING ON UTILITY PROPERTY** (Corvese) This act would make it a felony to trespass upon the property of a public utility after being forbidden to do so, and would set punishments of a term of imprisonment of not more than 3 years, by a fine not exceeding \$1,500, or both. Judiciary

**H-7016      PUBLIC RECORDS: POLICE OFFICERS** (Vaudreuil & Silva) This act would prohibit the release of the identity of a police officer involved in a deadly force incident until the culmination of a grand jury proceeding. Judiciary

**H-7021      UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES** (Corvese) This act would add the hallucinogenic drugs Salvia Divinorum (Salvinorin A or Divinorin A) and Datura stramonium (gypsum weed or jimson weed) to the "Uniform Controlled Substances Act", Schedule I. Judiciary

**H-7023      TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS** (Vaudreuil & Silva) This act would give cities/towns the discretion to have sums deducted from benefits payable to police officers and firefighters due to line of duty illness or injury if temporary disability insurance benefits were also received. However, if they are also unable to perform the duties of their second job, they would still be eligible to receive temporary disability insurance benefits if they are available through that job. Labor

**H-7031      MOBILE TELEPHONE USE** (Giannini & Others) This act would make it unlawful to operate a motor vehicle while using a mobile telephone that is not equipped with a hands-free device to engage in a call or text message. Corporations

**H-7046      SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Edwards & Others) This act would require sexual offender registration and public notification once the parole board determines the risk of re-offense level, regardless of the fact that an application for review of the determination is filed by the offender. Judiciary

**H-7085      CHILD RESTRAINTS** (Gablinske & Others) This act would provide that the failure of adult operators of motor vehicles to wear safety belts or the failure to ensure that their adult passengers are wearing safety belts would constitute a primary, rather than a secondary offense. Judiciary

**H-7087      TOBACCO PRODUCTS** (Diaz & Others) This act would add various specified types of cigars, cigarette rolling papers, cigarillos and tiparillos to the list of tobacco products that restricts purchase by or sale to persons under 18 years of age. Judiciary

**H-7089      BREAKING AND ENTERING** (Melo & Others) This act would provide for increased penalties if breaking and entering is committed when there is someone within the premises, and would require mandatory jail sentences if an occupant of the premises is assaulted during the break-in. Judiciary

**H-7103 MOBILE TELEPHONES** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would make it unlawful to operate a motor vehicle or bicycle while using a mobile telephone that is not equipped with a hands-free device to engage in a call. Corporations

**H-7110 FIRE DEPARTMENTS: NFPA 1500** (Gallison & Others) This act would amend the process by which fire departments implement the requirements of NFPA 1500. It also would amend the composition of the NFPA 1500 Implementation Plan Review Committee. HEW

**H-7111 IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM** (Marcello & Others) This act would prohibit persons convicted of various driving offenses involving drugs or alcohol from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an approved ignition interlock system. Judiciary

**H-7112 RACIAL PROFILING** (Almeida & Others) This act would amend the law banning racial profiling in traffic stops by state and municipal law enforcement agencies by fine tuning the system requiring law enforcement agencies to collect data and complete regular reports of findings and statistics regarding traffic stops. It also would add a new provision to Chapter 14-1 of the general laws ( "Proceedings in Family Court" ) governing the search of juveniles without a warrant. Judiciary

**H-7114 FIRE ALARMS** (Gallison & Others) This act would make the following actions illegal: failure to evacuate a building when a fire alarm is activated; tampering with fire protection equipment; and accessing fire alarm panels if not fire department personnel or a licensed individual. Judiciary

**H-7117 INATTENTIVE DRIVING** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would create a secondary motor vehicle offense of inattentive driving which occurs simultaneously to the commission of a primary moving violation. Judiciary

**H-7118 DRIVERS' LICENSES** (Gablinske & Others) This act would make it a felony for any person to operate any vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, when the license to operate is suspended, revoked or cancelled for operating under the influence of a narcotic drug or intoxicating liquor. This act would also require the sentencing court to order alcohol and/or drug treatment for the individual. Judiciary

**H-7155Aaa UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES** (Gemma & Others) This act would create the offense of distributing a controlled substance to someone without his/her knowledge with the intent to commit a crime of violence against that person. Judiciary

**H-7160 FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL FEES** (Gemma & Fox) This act would prevent the Public Utilities Commission from requiring the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any city/town that has prohibited these fees by enactment of an ordinance. Municipal Government

**H-7174      MUNICIPAL COURT FEES** (Ucci & Petrarca) This act would require municipal courts to assess a hearing fee in the amount of \$50.00, an increase to the current fee of \$35.00. This act also would double the fine amount of each traffic offense from the current levels, and would increase the court costs for dismissal of a traffic violation based on a good driving record from the current level of \$35.00 to \$50.00. Finance

**H-7183      ASSAULTS** (DaSilva & Others) This act would deem choking or strangling another person to be felony assault whether or not serious bodily injury results. Judiciary

**H-7186      DNA DETECTION** (Kennedy & Others) This act would require the collection of DNA samples of any person arrested for a felony offense. The samples would be included in the Rhode Island DNA database. The DNA information would be expunged and destroyed under the circumstances specified in extensive additional language added to section 12-1.5-13 entitled "Expungement". Judiciary

**H-7189      TRESPASS AND VANDALISM** (Pacheco) This act would amend the provisions of various sections of the general law chapter entitled "Trespass and Vandalism", including in many cases an increase in the penalties attached to certain offenses. It also would expand the current violation of removal of gravel from or deposit of debris so that it will now apply to all state and municipal beaches. Judiciary

**H-7235      EMERGENCY VEHICLES** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would provide for an \$85.00 fine for the failure of the driver of a motor vehicle to yield to an emergency vehicle by pulling to the right hand side of the road and stopping until the emergency vehicle has passed. Finance

**H-7243      RULES OF THE ROAD** (Gemma & Others) This act would create the motor vehicle offense of unsafe passing of a person operating a bicycle, and sets up criteria to which motor vehicle drivers must adhere. Judiciary

**H-7244      NON-ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW** (Segal & Others) This act would prohibit state and local law enforcement authorities from inquiring as to the immigration status of any person, whether witness or arrestee, unless the arrestee was arrested for a felony, and the arresting officer or agency has reasonable grounds to believe that the person's status is a violation of immigration law. Judiciary

**H-7252      R.I. NATIONAL GUARD: FORFEITURE OF MONEY AND ASSETS** (Carter) This act would allow the Rhode Island National Guard to participate in the forfeiture of money and assets seized through counterdrug operations in which members of the National Guard support federal, state or municipal efforts. Veterans' Affairs

**H-7262      HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP** (Almeida & Others) This act would exempt from liability a person who, in the normal course of governmental duties, provides assistance or services in mitigating hazardous discharge. Environment & Natural Resources



**H-7265 OIL SPILL PREVENTION** (Almeida & Others) This act would require the director of the "Oil Spill Prevention, Administration and Response Fund" to appropriate monies both to obtain items necessary to provide for statewide firefighter training for flammable liquid fires, and to maintain the foam training simulator so as to provide for large scale firefighter foam training and drills. Finance

**H-7275 MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (Almeida & Others) This act would make various changes to the "Medical Marijuana Act" including the provisions that effective January 1, 2012, the cultivation and dispensing of medical marijuana would only be authorized by compassion centers, and that compassion centers would now be subject to inspection by the State Police. Judiciary

**H-7281 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Palumbo & Others) This act would require convicted sex offenders to be monitored by the Department of Corrections through a global positioning system when released from incarceration in cases when risk re-offense level has yet to be determined or is pending, or if determination of their risk re-offense level is under appeal. It also would deem it sufficient probable cause for the police to enforce court orders or parole restrictions if the offender is found to have been loitering for such a prolonged period as to be merely traversing the prescribed area. Judiciary

**H-7282 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Palumbo & Others) This act would require any person who is a landlord and is by law required to register as a sex offender to disclose the status as a sex offender in the lease. Judiciary

**H-7286 UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE** (Brien & Others) This act, known as the "Unborn Victims of Violence Act", would delineate crimes and impose penalties for violence to an unborn child. Judiciary

**H-7287 ASSAULT UPON A PREGNANT WOMAN** (Brien & Others) This act would make assault upon a pregnant woman causing her to suffer a miscarriage or stillbirth punishable by up to 30 years imprisonment, and if the fetus is determined to be 12 weeks or older punishable by life in prison. Judiciary

**H-7289 IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY** (Ajello & Others) This act would amend the law granting immunity from liability for administration of CPR or automated external defibrillation in an emergency situation by removing the provision that this immunity would only apply to persons who have been trained according to certain standards. Judiciary

**H-7301 AUTOMOBILE AIRBAGS** (Kennedy & Others) This act would establish criminal penalties for fraudulent installation or reinstallation of an airbag in a motor vehicle. It also would require that any automobile accident report that is filed by a law enforcement agency contain a notation as to whether the automobile's airbag or inflatable restraint system had been deployed in the accident. Judiciary

**H-7314      TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COUNCIL** (Pacheco) This act would create a Transportation Review Council, of which the Lieutenant Governor would serve as chairperson. Among its required duties would be the reviewing of the plans and operations of the various cities/towns for emergency transportation preparedness. H.E.W.

**H-7315      NURSING HOME PATIENTS** (Palumbo & Others) This act would require nursing home administrators to report abuse of residents to the state police or the police department of the municipality in which the abuse occurred. H.E.W.

**H-7317      MARIJUANA** (Edwards & Others) This act would decriminalize the possession of less than 1 oz. of marijuana, and substitute a civil penalty of \$150.00. Judiciary

**H-7343      POLITICAL SURVEILLANCE** (Driver & Others) This act would require that state and municipal law enforcement agencies neither collect nor maintain information about political, religious, or social views, and associations or activities of anyone unless there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the subject of the information is involved in criminal conduct, and the information directly relates to the investigation of that criminal activity. Judiciary

**H-7350      MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES** (Jacquard & Others) This act would establish the motor vehicle offenses of furnishing or procuring alcoholic beverages or controlled substances for underage persons resulting in death or serious bodily injury. Judiciary

**H-7367      HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP** (Walsh & Others) This act would exempt from liability a person who, in the normal course of governmental duties, provides assistance or services in mitigating hazardous discharge. But this exemption is specifically made not applicable to any person who works for any fire department or volunteer fire association or their hazardous materials and/or decontamination teams in any city/town or fire district. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7369      ADULT CRISIS INTERVENTION** (Naughton & Others) This act would establish an adult crisis intervention center for vulnerable elders and adults with disabilities within the Office of Health and Human Services. It would create a new method for how assaults, abuse, neglect and exploitation are reported by local police departments. Finance

**H-7380      CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS** (Walsh & Others) This act would require the electronic recording of custodial interrogations in their entirety in cases when the potential sentence is one of life imprisonment. Judiciary

**H-7397Aaa 2011 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Watson)

**ART. 7      FUGITIVE TASK FORCE** This article eliminates the State Fugitive Task Force. Finance

**H-7397Aaa 2011 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Watson)

**ART. 8 FIREFIGHTER TRAINING** This article creates two separate restricted receipt accounts within the Department of Public Safety: the Rhode Island state firefighter's league grant account used to fund education and training programs; and the fire academy training fees account to fund costs associated with the fire training academy. Finance

**H-7397Aaa 2011 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Watson)

**ART. 18 TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES TO STREET CRIME** This article eliminates the Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) program as a requirement for persons who are initially convicted with a controlled substance. Finance

**H-7404 CLASS N NIGHTCLUB LICENSE** (Hearn & Others) This act would eliminate under-age nights at nightclubs where alcoholic beverages are served by not allowing patrons under the age of 21 on the premises. Corporations

**H-7423 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR UNDERAGE PERSONS** (Caprio & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any person to furnish or procure alcoholic beverages for an underage person by amending the current language that the violator be 21 years of age or older. Judiciary

**H-7425 CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would create a new chapter within Title 11 – entitled "Government Integrity and Public Accountability Act of 2010" that punishes the theft of honest services. This act also would extend the statute of limitations to 10 years for violations of this new chapter, and section 11-41-27 – "Wrongful Conversion by Officer of State or Municipal Employee". Judiciary

**H-7478 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR UNDERAGE PERSONS** (Caprio & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any person to furnish or procure alcoholic beverages for an underage person by amending the current language that the violator be 21 years of age or older. It also would make it a non-violation if the underage person is furnished alcohol in the parents' own home and under the supervision of the parents. Judiciary

**H-7485 BREAKING AND ENTERING** (Jacquard & Corvese) This act would expand the scope of the crime of breaking and entering to include breaking into automobiles, cargo-vans, minivans, pick-up trucks, recreational vehicles and passenger cabs. Judiciary

**H-7486 BRENDAN'S LAW** (Giannini & Others) This act would amend the definition of second-degree child abuse by eliminating the word "serious" as it pertains to physical injury. Judiciary

**H-7490 HATE CRIMES** (Segal & Others) This act would add crimes motivated by prejudice against homeless persons to the list of "hate crimes" which are monitored by the State Police. Judiciary

**H-7492      DUI: BREATH TEST** (Gablinske & Others) This act would allow the results of a breath test to be given at the time of taking of the test to the person submitting to the test. Judiciary

**H-7515      HIGH SPEED PURSUIT POLICIES** (Newberry) This act would eliminate the requirement that police departments submit a copy of their high speed pursuit policies to the Attorney General. Judiciary

**H-7516      WEAPONS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would exempt persons issued a license to carry a pistol or revolver by the Attorney General, which includes retired members of city/town police forces, from the 7 day waiting period for purchase of a pistol or revolver, and the completion of a basic pistol/revolver safety course. Judiciary

**H-7517      WEAPONS** (Walsh & Others) This act would prohibit cities/towns from providing the name, address or date of birth of any person who has applied for a license or permit to carry a concealed pistol or revolver. Judiciary

**H-7523      HIGH SPEED PURSUITS** (Newberry) This act would eliminate the requirement for police officers to maintain written reports to be kept on file whenever a high speed pursuit occurs. Judiciary

**H-7529      MUNICIPAL POLICE: INCENTIVE PAY** (Newberry & Others) This act would eliminate the provision requiring incentive pay for municipal police who have acquired a Juris Doctor or a Master's Degree in Law Enforcement. Labor

**H-7534      SCHOOL BUS ROUTES** (Newberry & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement of having the local police chief of each city/town review all school bus routes for safety hazards within 90 days before the start of each school year. Municipal Government

**H-7536      PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS: POLICE COST** (Newberry & Driver) This act would relieve municipalities of the requirement of deducting and retaining from the price of construction contracts an additional sum to pay the costs of municipal police traffic control on any public works project. Municipal Government

**H-7537      LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** (Newberry & Martin) This act would eliminate the requirement that each city/town have their own local emergency management agency. Municipal Government

**H-7557      VICTIMS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION** (Giannini & Others) This act is designed to provide services to victims of sexual trafficking which services would be provided by the Department of Health and Human Services in coordination with the Attorney General and local law enforcement agencies. Finance

- H-7570 IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS** (Ajello & Others) This act would establish procedures for identification lineups in criminal investigations, specifically including requirements of photographing or otherwise recording the identification, as well as other protective procedural measures. It also would establish an improvement of lineup procedures task force. Judiciary
- H-7579 MOBILE EQUIPMENT** (A. Rice) This act would require all operators of mobile equipment intending to drive onto a public highway from a private road and/or driveways to place a warning device on the highway to notify motorists and pedestrians of their intention to enter the highway. Judiciary
- H-7601 LIQUOR LICENSES: POLICE DETAILS** (Segal & Carnevale) This act would require liquor licensees to pay police detail bills in full before they are allowed to operate. It would require that the transferee of the license assume all previous penalties imposed by the licensing authority. It also would allow licensing authorities to prevent the admittance of persons under the age of 21 following violations on the premises. Corporations
- H-7608 LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS TANKERS** (Gallison & Others) This act would require any company transporting liquefied natural gas into or out of the state to have various personnel on board the tanker, to maintain a bond and liability insurance, to provide a large remittance to affected cities/towns for safety and security costs, and to utilize peace officers rather than private security personnel. Environment & Natural Resources
- H-7624 REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TEST** (Menard & Others) This act would authorize a bail commissioner to order that a person's license be suspended immediately upon the report of a law enforcement officer that the person has refused a chemical test for driving under the influence. Judiciary
- H-7625 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE** (Menard & Others) This act would require a bail commissioner, a traffic tribunal magistrate, or a district court judge to immediately suspend a person's license upon that person being charged with driving under the influence of liquor or drugs. Judiciary
- H-7630 TRAFFIC TICKET QUOTAS** (O'Neill & Others) This act would prohibit state and municipal law enforcement agencies, when engaged in the enforcement of motor vehicle traffic or parking laws, from establishing or maintaining any policy requiring any officer to meet a traffic ticket quota. Judiciary
- H-7651 NATURAL GAS EMERGENCIES** (Handy & Others) This act would require that all natural gas emergencies be reported to a dispatch office located in Rhode Island staffed by professionally trained gas dispatchers. Corporations

**H-7674      HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP** (Walsh & Others) This act would exempt from liability a person, who in the normal course of governmental duties, provides assistance or services in mitigating hazardous discharge. This exemption is made specifically applicable to city/town fire departments, fire districts, volunteer fire associations and their hazardous materials and/or decontamination teams. Judiciary

**H-7748      EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INTRASTATE MUTUAL AID** (Watson) This act would create a system of emergency management mutual aid among participating political subdivisions in the state. The system provides for mutual assistance among the participating political subdivisions in the prevention of, response to, and recovery from any disaster that results in a formal state of emergency. H.E.W.

**H-7754      CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would require persons seeking employment with the Department of Children, Youth and Families to apply to the Bureau of Criminal Identification, the State Police, or local police departments where they reside for a national and state criminal records check. Judiciary

**H-7755      AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SPEED ENFORCEMENT** (McCauley) This act would authorize municipalities to operate a system to issue speeding violations using automated traffic speed enforcement. Judiciary

**H-7758      DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE** (Gablinske & Others) This act would increase the penalties for those convicted of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs resulting either in death or serious bodily injury, and establishes a new criminal offense of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs resulting in personal injury. It also would make a defendant's refusal to submit to a chemical test admissible at trial whether or not a defendant elects to testify. Judiciary

**H-7762      HOMICIDE BY MOTOR VEHICLE** (Pacheco) This act would establish the crime of homicide by motor vehicle for motor vehicle violations that cause the death of another person. Judiciary

**H-7763      FETAL PROTECTION ACT** (Edwards & Others) This act would establish the "Fetal Protection Act" which would define and impose penalties for violence to an unborn child. Judiciary

**H-7768      ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY** (Driver & Others) This act would require an animal abuser to register with the chief of police of the city/town in which the abuser is located. Each chief of police would maintain a local registry of animal abusers for their jurisdiction. Judiciary

**H-7774      AGGRESSIVE DRIVING** (Watson) This act would prohibit the operation of motorcycles or motorized tricycles without maintenance of all wheels on the ground at all times (wheelies). This prohibition also would be added to the type of violation that constitutes aggressive driving. Judiciary

**H-7775 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS** (Martin & Others) This act would allow law enforcement agencies and the Attorney General administrative subpoena power to obtain information from "Internet service providers" relative to the distribution or storage of child pornography, as well as the exploitation of children or online child enticement. Judiciary

**H-7778 SEXTING** (Martin & Others) This act would prohibit the use of a computer or other telecommunication device by a minor to transmit an indecent visual depiction of himself/herself to another person, which is commonly known as "sexting". Judiciary

**H-7780 REGISTRATION PLATES** (Watson) This act would add a new criminal charge for forgery or counterfeiting of registration plates. Judiciary

**H-7783 HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP** (Watson) This act would provide an exemption from liability to a person who, in the normal course of governmental duties, participates in the cleanup of oil spills. This exemption would apply to fire departments and fire districts. Judiciary

**H-7784 RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FRAUD** (Kilmartin & Almeida) This act would establish the crime of residential mortgage fraud, and would define the elements that constitute the commission of this type of crime. Judiciary

**H-7785 HOMICIDE BY MOTOR VEHICLE** (Pacheco) This act would establish the crime of homicide by motor vehicle for motor vehicle violations that cause the death of another person. The crime would be a felony if committed by a habitual offender whose driver's license is in revocation or otherwise withheld. Judiciary

**H-7796 BOILER INSPECTION AND PRESSURE VESSELS** (Serpa & Others) This act would expand the types of buildings that would be exempt from the state mandated requirements of boiler and pressure system inspections based on the size of the water heater. This exemption also would now apply to public buildings and schools. Labor

**H-7832 WEAPONS** (Diaz) This act would make it unlawful for any person to knowingly receive, transport or possess any firearm on which the importer's or manufacturer's serial number has been tampered with, but would exempt antique and collectible weapons legally possessed by collectors and dealers. It also would make the mere possession of a firearm by minors unlawful unless they hold a valid permit, and are in the presence of a parent, guardian or supervising adult. The act also would establish criminal penalties for the unlawful discharge of a firearm on school grounds. Judiciary

**H-7838 TAXATION AND REGULATION OF MARIJUANA** (Ajello & Driver) This act would decriminalize the possession and use of marijuana by persons age 21 and older. It also would create a new chapter of the general laws entitled "Retailer Registration and the Regulation of Marijuana Act". This chapter would address such issues as retailer registration, and the establishment of an excise tax to be collected and remitted at the state level. Judiciary

**H-7857 CHECKPOINTS FOR DETECTION OF ALCOHOL** (Lima) This act would bar checkpoints as a means to detect motorists who are driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Judiciary

**H-7859 R.I. NATIONAL GUARD: FORFEITURE OF MONEY AND ASSETS** (Sullivan & Others) This act would allow the Rhode Island National Guard to participate in the forfeiture of money and assets seized through counterdrug operations in which members of the National Guard support federal, state or municipal efforts. Veterans' Affairs

**H-7886 MASTER FIRE ALARM BOX CHARGES** (Almeida & Diaz) This act would authorize cities/towns to enact ordinances to assess users of master alarm fire box systems of fire departments a reasonable charge for such usage. Municipal Government

**H-7887 FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL FEES** (Almeida & Others) This act would prevent the Public Utilities Commission from requiring the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any city/town that has prohibited fees by enactment of an ordinance. Municipal Government

**H-7933 DUE CARE BY DRIVERS** (McNamara & Others) This act would require that motor vehicle operators who overtake a bicycle or other human-powered vehicle do so at a safe distance of not less than 3 feet. Judiciary

**H-7939 CRIMINAL STREET GANG ENHANCEMENT** (Carnevale & Others) This act would establish a sentence enhancement for those who commit misdemeanors or felonies for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal street gang or criminal street gang member. Judiciary

**H-7950 BACKGROUND CHECKS** (Shallcross Smith) This act would require any facility or business which teaches, and gives lessons, classes or training to children and youth to have employees submit to a background check through the State Police or local police department prior to them being hired. Judiciary

**H-7961 BLUE ALERT SYSTEM** (Walsh & Others) This act would establish a "Blue Alert" system to assist in the apprehension of criminal suspects who are involved in the murder or serious injury of law enforcement personnel. Finance

**H-8021 RELIEF OF INJURED FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS** (Williamson) This act would expand on the definitions of 'police officer' and 'firefighter' as they relate to qualification for salary payment during line of duty illness or injury. Finance

**H-8042 MUNICIPAL FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY** (Naughton & Others) This act would name the state municipal fire training academy in Exeter the "Karl Kenyon Municipal Fire Training Academy". Constituent Services



**H-8046 DRIVERS UNDER 18** (Hearn & Others) This act would provide additional restrictions, and would increase penalties for drivers under the age of 18 who violate motor vehicle laws. Most of the amendments in the act concern the use of mobile telephones or mobile electric devices, and speeding violations (Marissa's Law"). Judiciary

**H-8088 BLUE ALERT SYSTEM** (Gemma & Others) This act would establish a "Blue Alert" system to assist in the apprehension of criminal suspects who are involved in the murder or serious injury of law enforcement personnel. Judiciary

**H-8120 HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP** (Walsh & Others) This act would exempt from liability a person who provides assistance or advice either in mitigating the effects of an accidental or threatened discharge of hazardous materials, or in preventing, cleaning up or disposal of the discharge. This exemption is made specifically applicable to city/town fire departments, fire districts, volunteer fire associations and their hazardous materials and/or decontamination teams. Judiciary

**H-8142 IMMIGRATION LAWS** (Palumbo & Others) This act would create the "In Support of Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act" which would authorize and empower state and local law enforcement to work together with federal authorities to discourage and deter the unlawful entry and presence of aliens, and economic activity by persons unlawfully in the United States. Judiciary

**H-8152 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Palumbo & Others) This act would repeal the current "Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act" – Chapter 11-37.1 of the general laws, and replace it with a newer version - Chapter 11-37.3. This version would contain provisions concerning registration requirements, including timing of registration, required information, tiered offenses, duration of registration and frequency of verification. Judiciary

**H-8172 MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (Slater & Others) This act would exempt information contained in applications and supporting information under the "Medical Marijuana Act" from the provisions of the "Access to Public Records Act". Judiciary

**H-8173 FIREWORKS** (O'Neill) This act would amend certain provisions of the general laws so as to adopt federal designations of fireworks types, and would provide for the regulation, storage, handling and transportation of display fireworks and aerial consumer fireworks as defined by the American Pyrotechnic Association. Judiciary

**H-8184 PAWNBROKERS** (Kilmartin) This act would require that all items pawned would be held for 14 days by the pawnbroker. It also would establish a procedure to be followed by local chiefs of police if there is probable cause that the items pawned have been stolen. This procedure would include notice to retain the property for an additional 15 days, securing of the property by a designated officer, and return of the property upon satisfactory proof of ownership of the property. Judiciary

**H-8291 HUMAN TRAFFICKING** (Giannini & Others) This house resolution would create a legislative commission to study human trafficking and the services that would be provided to the victims. Read and Passed

**S-2020 R.I. NATIONAL GUARD: FORFEITURE OF MONEY AND ASSETS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would allow the Rhode Island National Guard to participate in the forfeiture of money and assets seized through counterdrug operations in which members of the National Guard support federal, state or municipal efforts. Finance

**S-2043 SEXUAL ASSAULTS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would increase the statute of limitations for second degree sexual assault to 10 years. Judiciary

**S-2055 HATE CRIMES** (Miller & Others) This act would add the term 'gender identity or expression' to the definition of "hate crime" for the purpose of monitoring crimes motivated by bigotry and bias. Judiciary

**S-2058 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE** (Raptakis & Others) This act would increase the penalties for those convicted of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs resulting in either death or serious bodily injury, and establishes a new criminal offense of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs resulting in personal injury. Judiciary

**S-2063 INVESTIGATIVE COSTS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require any person who enters a plea or is found guilty after trial to pay the law enforcement agencies' actual costs in investigating and prosecuting the individual. Judiciary

**S-2065 IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM** (Raptakis & Others) This act would prohibit persons convicted of various driving offenses involving drugs or alcohol from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an approved ignition interlock system. Judiciary

**S-2066 CHILDREN: TOBACCO PRODUCTS** (Sosnowski & Perry) This act would prohibit sales of tobacco products to persons under 21 years of age, raising the present prohibition of under 18 years of age. Judiciary

**S-2068 DRIVERS' LICENSES** (Raptakis & Others) This act would require that the license plates of a vehicle be confiscated if the owner is arrested for driving with a license that was suspended, revoked or cancelled for refusing to submit to a chemical test. Judiciary

**S-2105 LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL LICENSE PLATES** (Lanzi & Others) This act would allow the Division of Motor Vehicles to create Law Enforcement Memorial License Plates for the purpose of honoring law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2135A NOISE LIMITS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES** (Tassoni) This act would amend what constitutes the motor vehicle violation for exceeding noise limits by providing that no motor vehicle shall exceed the noise limit based on the idle test procedure in accordance with the Society of Automotive Engineers Standard J2825. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2138 DNA DETECTION** (Bates & Others) This act would require the collection of DNA samples of any person arrested for a felony offense. The samples would be included in the Rhode Island DNA database. The DNA information would be expunged and destroyed under the circumstances specified in extensive additional language added to section 12-1.5-13 entitled "Expungement". Judiciary

**S-2139 WEAPONS** (Blais & Others) This act would exempt retired police officers and those persons issued protective orders due to domestic assault or abuse situations from the weapons safety requirements of section 11-47-35 of the general laws. Judiciary

**S-2142 WEAPONS** (Blais & Others) This act would prohibit persons from wearing or carrying concealed upon their persons any instrument or weapon of the kind commonly known as billy, bludgeon, baton, stun-gun or any razor or knife of any description having a blade of more than 3 inches in length. Judiciary

**S-2143 WEAPONS** (Blais & Others) This act would exempt any person who at the time of purchase is exchanging a functional concealable firearm as part of or the entire purchase price of another concealable firearm from the requirement of obtaining a basic pistol/revolver safety certificate. Judiciary

**S-2144 WEAPONS** (Blais & Others) This act would expand the scope of the general law section governing issuance of licenses or permits to carry a pistol or revolver to include people who have been issued protective orders due to domestic assault and abuse, and would require that the permits be delivered to applicants within 10 business days, except for people with protective orders, in which case the permits must be delivered within 3 business days. Judiciary

**S-2146 PUBLIC RECORDS: POLICE OFFICERS** (Crowley & DiPalma) This act would prohibit the release of the identity of a police officer involved in a deadly force incident until after the culmination of a grand jury proceeding. Judiciary

**S-2147 WEAPONS** (Blais & Others) This act would prohibit cities/towns from providing the name, address or date of birth of any person who has applied for a license or permit to carry a concealed pistol or revolver. Judiciary

**S-2153 WEAPONS** (Blais & Others) This act would exempt from the application and 7 day waiting period requirement for the sale of rifles and shotguns a person who is exchanging a functional rifle or shotgun as part of or as the entire purchase price of another rifle or shotgun. Judiciary

**S-2154 MOBILE TELEPHONE USE** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would make it unlawful to operate a motor vehicle while using a hand-held mobile telephone to engage in a call while the vehicle is in motion. Judiciary

**S-2156 ADULT-RATED VIDEO GAMES** (Ciccone & Others) This act would make it a misdemeanor to sell or rent an adult-rated video game to a person under the age of 18. Judiciary

**S-2184 HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP** (Algiere & Others) This act would exempt from liability a person who, in the normal course of governmental duties, provides assistance or services in mitigating hazardous discharge. But this exemption is specifically made not applicable to any person who works for any fire department or volunteer fire association or their hazardous materials and/or decontamination teams in any city/town or fire district. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2192 PROPERTY HELD BY POLICE DEPARTMENTS** (Fogarty & Gallo) This act would provide that police departments and local drug control divisions would be allowed to keep confiscated property, and any income derived from such property would be used for police related community functions, to replace stolen property, or for law enforcement purposes. Finance

**S-2206 ADULT CRISIS INTERVENTION** (McCaffrey) This act would establish an adult crisis intervention center for vulnerable elders and adults with disabilities within the Office of Health and Human Services. It would create a new method for how assaults, abuse, neglect and exploitation are reported by local police departments. Health & Human Services

**S-2208 RACIAL PROFILING** (Perry & Others) This act would amend the law banning racial profiling in traffic stops by state and municipal law enforcement agencies by fine tuning the system requiring law enforcement agencies to collect data and complete regular reports of findings and statistics regarding traffic stops. It also would add a new provision to Chapter 14-1 of the general laws ("Proceedings in Family Court") governing the search of juveniles without a warrant. Judiciary

**S-2217 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Felag & Others) This act would amend the notification procedures for tiers two and three sexual offenders by eliminating language that allows a delay in notification to take place if an application for review is filed by the offender. Judiciary

**S-2222 ASSAULTS** (DeVall & Others) This act would deem choking or strangling another person to be felony assault whether or not serious bodily injury results. Judiciary

**S-2228 CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS** (Levesque) This act would require the electronic recording of custodial interrogations in their entirety in cases when the potential sentence is one of life imprisonment. Judiciary

**S-2234 BOILER INSPECTION AND PRESSURE VESSELS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would expand the types of buildings that would be exempt from the state mandated requirements of boiler and pressure system inspections based on the size of the water heater. This exemption also would now apply to public buildings and schools. Labor

**S-2242      EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL** (Maher & Others) This act would make available a special "Star of Life" license plate which will carry on it the designation "Emergency Medical Personnel". Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2254      FIREFIGHTER PLATES** (Felag) This act would allow special motor vehicle registration plates for firefighters to be issued for trucks that are owned by an individual firefighter, and are not used for business/commercial purposes. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2301      TRAFFIC TICKET QUOTAS** (Connors & Others) This act would prohibit state and municipal law enforcement agencies, when engaged in the enforcement of motor vehicle traffic or parking laws, from establishing or maintaining any policy requiring any officer to meet a traffic ticket quota. Judiciary

**S-2304      IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE IN CRIME FIGHTING** (Pichardo & Others) This act would establish the "Immigrant Assistance in Crime Fighting Act" to promote the safety and health of all residents by making it more likely that immigrants will report violations of state and local law by prohibiting law enforcement agencies from inquiring into the immigration status of the complainant or witness. Judiciary

**S-2308      SAFETY BELT USE: CHILD RESTRAINT** (Tassoni & Others) This act would make violation of the safety belt law a primary offense as long as constitutional standards are satisfied. A law enforcement officer may not search a motor vehicle, its contents, the driver, or passengers solely because of a safety belt violation. Judiciary

**S-2309      REGISTRATION PLATES** (Bates) This act would add a new criminal charge for forgery or counterfeiting of registration plates. Judiciary

**S-2313      AGGRESSIVE DRIVING** (Algieri) This act would prohibit the operation of motorcycles or motorized tricycles without maintenance of all wheels on the ground at all times (wheelies). This prohibition also would be added to the type of violation that constitutes aggressive driving. Judiciary

**S-2314      DUI: BREATH TEST** (McCaffrey & Sosnowski) This act would allow the results of a breath test to be given at the time of taking the test to the person submitting to the test. Judiciary

**S-2315      IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS** (Metts & Levesque) This act would establish procedures for identification lineups in criminal investigations, specifically including requirements of photographing or otherwise recording the identification, as well as other protective procedural measures. It also would establish an improvement of lineup procedures task force. Judiciary

**S-2323      HATE CRIMES** (Metts & Others) This act would add crimes motivated by prejudice against homeless persons to the list of "hate crimes" which are monitored by the State Police. Judiciary

**S-2325      POLITICAL SURVEILLANCE** (Levesque & Others) This act would require that state and municipal law enforcement agencies neither collect nor maintain information about political, religious or social views, and associations or activities of anyone unless there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the subject of the information is involved in criminal conduct, and the information directly relates to the investigation of that criminal activity. Judiciary

**S-2437Aaa HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP** (Algieri & Others) This act would exempt from liability a person who provides assistance or advice either in mitigating the effects of an accidental or threatened discharge of hazardous materials, or in preventing, cleaning up or disposing of the discharge. This exemption is made specifically applicable to city/town fire departments, fire districts, volunteer fire associations and their hazardous materials and/or decontamination teams. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2455      DRIVERS UNDER 18** (O'Neill & Others) This act would provide additional restrictions, and would increase penalties for drivers under the age of 18 who violate motor vehicle laws. Most of the amendments in the act concern the use of mobile telephones or mobile electric devices, and speeding violations ("Marissa's Law"). Judiciary

**S-2491      EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INTRASTATE MUTUAL AID** (Algieri) This act would create a system of emergency management mutual aid among participating political subdivisions in the state. The system provides for mutual assistance among the participating political subdivisions in the prevention of, response to, and recovery from any disaster that results in a formal state of emergency. Finance

**S-2514      AUTOMOBILE AIRBAGS** (Miller & Bates) This act would establish penalties for fraudulent installation or reinstallation of an airbag in a motor vehicle. It also would require that any automobile accident report that is filed by a law enforcement agency contain a notation as to whether the automobile's airbag or inflatable restraint system had been deployed in the accident. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2553      METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICTS** (Jabour & Others) This act would authorize the creation of a Metropolitan Police District to consist of the cities of Providence, East Providence, Pawtucket, Cranston and Central Falls, and the towns of Johnston and North Providence. This authorization also would extend to any group of cities/towns. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2555      METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICTS** (Jabour & Pichardo) This act would authorize the creation of a Metropolitan Fire District to consist of the cities of Providence, East Providence, Pawtucket, Cranston and Central Falls, and the towns of Johnston and North Providence. This authorization also would extend to any group of cities/towns. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2574      FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL FEES** (Pichardo) This act would prevent the Public Utilities Commission from requiring the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any city/town that has prohibited fees by enactment of an ordinance. Finance

**S-2584 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR UNDERAGE PERSONS** (Sheehan & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any person to furnish or procure alcoholic beverages for an underage person by amending the current language that the violator be 21 years of age or older. Judiciary

**S-2590 UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** (Perry & Others) This act would provide that marijuana must be in an amount greater than one ounce to be a misdemeanor. This act also would make possession of one ounce or less of marijuana subject to a civil penalty, and is no longer a criminal offense. Judiciary

**S-2635 SEXTING** (Sosnowski & Jabour) This act would prohibit the use of a computer or other telecommunication device by a minor to transmit an indecent visual depiction of himself/herself to another person, which is commonly known as "sexting". Judiciary

**S-2636 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would increase the penalties for those convicted of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs resulting in either death or serious bodily injury, and establishes a new criminal offense of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs resulting in personal injury. It also would make a defendant's refusal to submit to a chemical test admissible at trial whether or not a defendant elects to testify. Judiciary

**S-2640 BRENDAN'S LAW** (Lanzi & Others) This act would amend the definition of second-degree child abuse by eliminating the word "serious" as it pertains to physical injury. Judiciary

**S-2641 WEAPONS** (Metts) This act would make it unlawful for any person to knowingly receive, transport or possess any firearm on which the importer's or manufacturer's serial number has been tampered, but would exempt antique and collectible weapons legally possessed by collectors and dealers. It also would make the mere possession of a firearm by minors unlawful unless they hold a valid permit, and are in the presence of a parent, guardian or supervising adult. This act would also establish criminal penalties for the unlawful discharge of a firearm on school grounds. Judiciary

**S-2644 CRIMINAL STREET GANG ENHANCEMENT** (McCaffrey & Goodwin) This act would establish a sentence enhancement for those who commit misdemeanors or felonies for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal street gang or criminal street gang member. Judiciary

**S-2657 RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FRAUD** (Pichardo & Others) This act would establish the crime of residential mortgage fraud, and would define the elements that constitute the commission of this type of crime. Judiciary

**S-2658 CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST** (Ciccone) This act would create a new chapter within Title 11 – entitled “Government Integrity and Public Accountability Act of 2010” that punishes the theft of honest services. This act also would extend the statute of limitations to 10 years for violations of this new chapter, and section 11-41-27 – “Wrongful Conversion by Officer of State or Municipal Employee”. Judiciary

**S-2662 CLASS N NIGHTCLUB LICENSE** (Tassoni) This act would eliminate under-age nights at nightclubs where alcoholic beverages are served by not allowing patrons under the age of 21 on the premises. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2681 911 CALL RECORDINGS** (Goodwin) This act would allow the release of 911 recordings without a court order or the written consent of the person whose voice was recorded. Judiciary

**S-2682 ONE-WAY HIGHWAYS: SCHOOL ZONES** (Gallo & Others) This act would allow local authorities to designate specific roadways in school zone areas for one-way traffic. Judiciary

**S-2706 DUE CARE BY DRIVERS** (Connors & Others) This act would require that motor vehicle operators who overtake a bicycle or other human-powered vehicle do so at a safe distance of not less than 3 feet, or if unable to do so to slow down to 10 miles per hour below the posted speed limit. Judiciary

**S-2750 MASTER FIRE ALARM BOX CHARGES** (Jabour & Others) This act would authorize cities/towns to enact ordinances to assess users of master alarm fire box systems of fire departments a reasonable charge for such usage. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2758 LIQUOR LICENSES: POLICE DETAILS** (Jabour & Others) This act would require liquor licensees to pay police detail bills in full before they are allowed to operate. Also, it requires that the transferee of the license would assume all previous penalties imposed by the licensing authority. This act also would allow licensing authorities to prevent the admittance of persons under the age of 21 following violations on the premises. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2784 SECONDHAND SMOKE** (Sosnowski & Perry) This act would create “The Rhode Island Protection From Secondhand Smoke For Children Act of 2010” that prohibits smoking in any vehicle in which a child is required to be restrained in a child passenger safety seat. Judiciary

**S-2786 2010 MARIJUANA POLICY ACT** (Miller & Blais) This act would decriminalize possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with penalties varying according to the age of the offender, and frequency of commission of the offense. One-half of the fines collected by cities/towns must be expended on drug awareness and treatment programs for youth. Judiciary



**S-2834      MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT** (Perry) This act would exempt information contained in applications and supporting information under the "Medical Marijuana Act" from the provisions of the "Access to Public Records Act". Health & Human Services

**S-2860      MUNICIPAL FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY** (Maher & Algieri) This act would name the state municipal training academy in Exeter as the "Karl Kenyon Municipal Fire Training Academy". Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2897      SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Doyle & Others) This act would repeal the current "Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act" – Chapter 11-37.1 of the general laws and replace it with a newer version – Chapter 11-37.3. This version would contain provisions concerning registration requirements, including timing of registration, required information, tiered offenses, duration of registration, and frequency of verification. Judiciary

**S-2925      FIREWORKS** (Connors) This act would amend certain provisions of the general laws so as to adopt federal designations of fireworks types, and would provide for the regulation, storage, handling and transportation of display fireworks and aerial consumer fireworks as defined by the American Pyrotechnic Association. Judiciary

**S-2967      TRANSPORTATION OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS** (Levesque & Others) This act would require that any memorandum of understanding, intergovernmental compact or any agreement or contract to transport liquefied natural gas through Rhode Island jurisdictional waters be explicitly approved by the general assembly. Judiciary

**S-2989      UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES** (Lanzi & Others) This act would create the offense of distributing a controlled substance to someone without his/her knowledge with the intent to commit a crime of violence against that person. Immediate Consideration

**S-3012      INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS** (Doyle & Others) This act would allow law enforcement agencies and the Attorney General administrative subpoena power to obtain information from "Internet service providers" relative to distribution or storage of child pornography, as well as the exploitation of children or online child enticement. Immediate Consideration

## **RETIREMENT**

**H-7267      CITY OR TOWN COUNCIL SERVICE** (Marcello & Others) This act would prohibit elected city and town council members elected for the first time after November 1, 2010, from participating in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System as a result of that elective service. Finance

**H-7397Aaa 2010 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Watson)

**ART. 16 PENSION REFORM** This article amends the automatic cost of living adjustments for teachers and state employees who were not eligible to retire on September 30, 2009, or do not become eligible to retire prior to the date of passage of this act. The COLA would only apply to the first \$35,000 of retirement allowance, and would commence upon the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the date of retirement or when the retiree reaches age 65, whichever is later. Finance

**H-7468 LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS: MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES** (Newberry & MacBeth) This act would allow retired municipal employees to pay the premium cost of life insurance at the same intervals as they were paying prior to retirement. Labor

**H-7469 LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS: TEACHERS** (Newberry & MacBeth) This act would allow retired teachers to pay the premium cost of life insurance at the same intervals as they were paying prior to retirement. Labor

**H-7562 RELIEF OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS** (Lally) This act would require cities/towns to continue to pay for certain medical expenses upon the retirement of a police officer or firefighter who is wholly or partially incapacitated by reason of a line of duty injury or illness. Finance

**H-7946 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (San Bento) This act would allow any member who retired from service under Titles 16, 36, or 45 of the general laws to be employed or reemployed by the Board of Elections. Compensation could not exceed a gross pay of more than \$15,000 in any one calendar year. Finance

**H-8045 MUNICIPAL PENSION SYSTEMS** (Gablinske & Others) This act would provide that, if a municipality fails to make contributions to its municipal pension system, whether public or private, in the amounts required under law, the amount of state aid due that municipality will be reduced in an amount equal to the amount due and owed by the municipality to the retirement system. Finance

**H-8063 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT: EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Costantino & Others) This act would defer the employer's contribution to the state retirement system from the effective date of this act to June 15, 2010. Also the act provides that the state ensure that any local education aid reduction assumed for the FY 2010 revised budget in excess of the actual savings is restored to the respective local entities. Read and Passed

**H-8231 TEACHER RETIREMENT** (Gallison & Others) This act would mandate that any teacher employed in at least a ½ program, including a job share program in a school district or among 2 or more different school districts, must remain a contributing member of the retirement system and receive credit for that part-time service. Finance

**S-2117 REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED MEMBERS: POLICE AND FIRE** (Blais) This act would exempt firefighters and police officers from the 75 day rule as it applies to reemployment of retired members of MERS. Finance

**S-2164      TEACHERS' RETIREMENT** (Cicccone & Others) This act would provide that an athletic coach who has retired and is receiving a pension or retirement allowance may be employed as an administrator for not more than 90 days in the aggregate in any school year. Labor

**S-2380      OPTIONAL RETIREMENT: POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would amend the provisions for determination by a city/town of a police officer's or firefighter's qualification for an accidental disability by adding job related illness as a cause of such disability. Labor

**S-2409      POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (Connors) This act would allow any member who retired from service under Titles 16, 36, or 45 of the general laws to be employed or reemployed by the Board of Elections. Compensation could not exceed a gross pay of more than \$15,000 in any one calendar year. Finance

**S-2485      POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (McCaffrey) This act would allow any member who retired from service under Titles 16, 36, or 45 of the general laws to be employed or reemployed by the Board of Elections. Compensation could not exceed a gross pay of more than \$15,000 in any one calendar year. Finance

**S-2818      TEACHERS' RETIREMENT: EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS** (DaPonte) This act would defer the employer's contribution to the state retirement system from the effective date of this act to June 15, 2010. Also the act provides that the state ensure that any local education aid reduction assumed for the FY 2010 revised budget in excess of the actual savings is restored to the respective local entities. Read and Passed

**S-2937      TEACHER RETIREMENT** (DiPalma & Blais) This act would mandate that any teacher employed in at least a ½ program, including a job share program in a school district or among 2 or more different school districts, must remain a contributing member of the retirement system and receive credit for that part-time service. Finance

**S-2944      OPEB TRUSTS** (DiPalma & Blais) This act would allow for shared service administration of OPEB trusts among municipalities. It also would add corporations established pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 45 entitled "Councils and Governing Bodies" to the list of entities which may act as trustee for trust agreements among municipalities and banks or trust companies. Also it would allow municipalities to utilize these corporations to advise on the investment of the OPEB trust fund. Finance

**S-3006      MUNICIPAL PENSIONS** (DaPonte) This resolution would extend the reporting date of the special senate commission to study municipal pensions from June 30, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Immediate Consideration

## **TOWN & CITY CLERKS**

**H-7035 MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES** (Gallison & Others) This act would increase the marriage license fee from \$14.00 to \$50.00, and would allow the city/town to retain \$42.00, and the remaining \$8.00 would be forwarded to the General Treasurer. Finance

**H-7040 NOTARIES PUBLIC** (Pollard) This act would increase the penalties for fraud or deceit committed by a notary public from a fine of \$1,000 to \$2,000, or a term of imprisonment of not more than 2 years, or both, which would make this offense a felony. Judiciary

**H-7080 PROBATE FEES** (Gallison & Others) This act would increase certain probate court fees. Finance

**H-7182 ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS: EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS** (DaSilva & Kilmartin) This act would require public access to all provisions of individual employment contracts of public employees. Judiciary

**H-7192 FORECLOSURE DEEDS** (Almeida & Others) This act would require foreclosure deeds to be recorded within 30 days of the foreclosure sale with the failure to do so rendering the sale null and void. This also would establish a monthly periodic tenancy subject to the provisions of the "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act" for bona fide tenants of a mortgagor. Judiciary

**H-7214 DEED REGISTRIES** (Schadone & Others) This resolution would create a special house commission to study regionalizing city/town deed registries into 5 county registries in order to deliver more efficient public services, establish better intergovernmental communications, and reduce costs. Municipal Government

**H-7344 ANCIENT MORTGAGES** (Lally & Jackson) This act would amend the general law section governing foreclosure of ancient mortgages by altering time frames in which such foreclosures would remain valid. Judiciary

**H-7519 GOOD SAMARITAN GUARDIANS** (Newberry & Others) This act would allow the probate court to appoint an attorney from a court-appointed list to assist in the preparation and filing of a good Samaritan guardianship petition. Judiciary

**H-7521 PUBLIC RECORDS** (Ajello & Others) This act would amend various sections of the "Access to Public Records Act". Proposed changes include a reduction of the time period for compliance with or denial of the request for records from 10 business days to 7 business days, the waiver of copying and search fees if there is a failure to produce requested records in a timely manner, and an increase in the amount of fines for either willful or reckless violation. It also would require the identification of a designated public records officer, and the establishment of procedures for making a public records request which must be posted. It also would expand circumstances in which an award of attorney's fees may be made. Judiciary

**H-7524      DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE** (Newberry & Martin) This act would relieve probate courts from any obligation to prepare an affidavit of no real property or record a certificate of descent in the event a fiduciary fails to do so. Judiciary

**H-7532      MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES** (Newberry & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that municipalities provide copies of municipal ordinances to state senators and representatives free of charge. Municipal Government

**H-7583Aaa PERMITS AND APPROVALS: EXPIRATION PERIODS** (San Bento & Petrarca) This act would clarify the meaning of the term “tolling” as it pertains to any approval or permit issued by the state or local agencies. It would mean the suspension or temporary stopping of the running of any applicable periods. The act also would apply only to approvals and permits in effect on November 9, 2009, and those issued between November 9, 2009, and June 30, 2011, but would not revive any expired approval or permit. Municipal Government

**H-7618      PROBATE NOTICE AND FEES** (Jackson & Others) This act would eliminate and revise certain notice requirements to parties in interest in the probate courts, and also establish fees for certain petitions. Judiciary

**H-7619      PROBATE: RULES OF DESCENT** (Jackson & Others) This act would make various amendments to the general law Chapter 33-1 entitled “Rules of Descent”, and would create a new Chapter 33-28 entitled “Elective Share” concerning the right to an elective share given the surviving spouse of a decedent domiciled in Rhode Island. Judiciary

**H-7766      PROBATE: BONDS OF EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, GUARDIANS** (Jackson & Others) This act would provide a cause of action on behalf of any principal or claimant covered under a fiduciary bond filed under a probate court order against the issuing surety for wrongfully refusing to pay or settle a claim, or to timely perform its obligations under the bond. Judiciary

**H-7789      PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY** (Handy & Others) This act would broaden the definition of persons eligible to marry to include persons of the same gender. This act also would provide that members of the clergy would not be required to officiate at any particular marriage. Judiciary

**H-7812      PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES** (Newberry) This act would amend the provisions regarding the publication of city/town ordinances, bylaws, and regulations by requiring the city/town clerk to electronically disseminate all these documents including amendments. Municipal Government

**H-7829      LAND EVIDENCE RECORDING** (Malik) This act would allow registrars of deeds to prescribe document formatting standards designed to preserve recorded documents. It also would require that all documents printed, other than survey plans, be on white paper no larger than legal size and typewritten in black ink. Judiciary

**H-7858 HISTORICAL CEMETERIES** (Caprio & Others) This act would make several amendments to the general laws regarding historical cemeteries. Some of these amendments would affect the duties of the recorder of deeds and local tax assessors regarding registration procedures. The act also would authorize cities/towns to provide by ordinance for an abatement of taxes and/or reimbursement of expenses incurred in maintaining the historical cemetery. Municipal Government

**H-7877A VITAL RECORDS** (Shallcross Smith & Others) This act would give the Division of Vital Records the responsibility to establish and maintain the "adoptee vital records file". New language is added regarding procedures for obtaining information contained in the "adoptee vital records file", including the opportunity for a "no release form" to be filed. The "no release form" would inform the birth parents of their ability to provide genetic, social, and health history to the Passive Voluntary Adoption Mutual Consent Registry. Judiciary

**H-7878 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE** (Almeida & Others) This act would require a mortgagee, after an individual consumer mortgagor's delinquency commences, provide written notice within 45 days to the clerk or recorder of deeds of the city/town in which the property is located. Counseling between the mortgagor and mortgagee is mandatory, and must be provided by a HUD-approved independent counseling agency. This requirement must be complied with prior to acceptance and recording in the land evidence records. Judiciary

**H-7988 BAIL PROPERTY LIENS** (Lally & Jackson) This act would require a fee of \$10 to be paid in order to record or discharge bail property liens recorded by bailbondsmen. Judiciary

**H-8121 MECHANICS' LIENS** (Caprio & DeSimone) This act would provide an exception to the notice requirements for emergency work, and sets forth a limitation period for filing a notice of intention to claim retainage that must be within 2 years after doing the work or furnishing the materials. Judiciary

**H-8154 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE** (Lally & Jackson) This act would preempt cities/towns from regulating or seeking to impose any requirement, duty or obligation affecting the rights of any mortgagee or person who acquires title, and the occupants of the property subject to the mortgage during a foreclosure situation. Judiciary

**S-2218 MORTGAGE AND FORECLOSURE SALE** (Metts & Others) This act would require mortgagees, upon filing a notice of intent to foreclose on a mortgage on residential property to serve a copy of that notice with the city/town clerk where the property is located, at the same time as service on the mortgagor. If, after filing of the notice of intention to foreclose, the property becomes vacant prior to vesting of title the municipality may require the mortgagee to correct housing code violations. Judiciary

**S-2221 ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS: EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS** (DeVall & Others) This act would require public access to all provisions of individual employment contracts of public employees. Judiciary

**S-2230 MECHANICS' LIENS** (McCaffrey) This act would provide an exception to the notice requirements for emergency work, and sets forth a limitation period for filing a notice of intention to claim retainage that must be within 2 years after doing the work or furnishing the materials. Judiciary

**S-2296 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES** (Pichardo & Others) This act would establish a "Central Foreclosure Registry" within the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation and in partnership with the Housing Resources Commission. The purpose of the registry would include capturing the actual number of foreclosures in every municipality. To this end all municipalities would provide to the registry copies of all foreclosure deeds filed in the land evidence records at least once per month. It also mandates that foreclosure deeds be recorded within 30 days of the date of sale, reducing the current 45 day time frame. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2305 PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY** (Blais) This act would prohibit same sex marriages in the state, and would prohibit the state from recognizing a relationship between persons of the same sex as marriage regardless as to whether such relationship is recognized as a marriage under the laws of any other state. Judiciary

**S-2306 RECIPROCAL BENEFICIARY AGREEMENTS** (Blais) This act would authorize 2 unmarried persons who are excluded from entering into a valid marriage under the marriage laws of this state, or who are or were related by blood, adoption or marriage, to establish a reciprocal beneficiary agreement that extends specific rights and related responsibilities to each reciprocal beneficiary. After the agreement is properly executed it must be filed with the clerk of the city/town in which at least one of the beneficiaries resides. A copy of the agreement also must be forwarded by the clerk to the Department of Health. Judiciary

**S-2321 MORATORIUM ON FORECLOSURES** (Levesque) This act would impose an immediate 180 day moratorium on foreclosure sales and initiation of eviction proceeding against tenants in any foreclosed property. Also, during this moratorium period registrars of deeds would not be able to accept for recording a foreclosure deed pursuant to a foreclosure sale. Judiciary

**S-2347 ANCIENT MORTGAGES** (Levesque) This act would amend the general law section governing foreclosure of ancient mortgages by altering time frames in which such foreclosures would remain valid. Judiciary

**S-2470 LAND EVIDENCE RECORDING** (Crowley & Others) This act would allow registrars of deeds to prescribe document formatting standards designed to preserve recorded documents. It also would require that all documents printed, other than survey plans, be on white paper no larger than legal size and typewritten in black ink. Judiciary

**S-2471 PUBLIC RECORDS** (Lenihan & Others) This act would amend various sections of the "Access to Public Records Act". Proposed changes include a reduction of the time period for compliance with or denial of the request for records from 10 business days to 7 business days, the waiver of copying and search fees if there is a failure to produce requested records in a timely manner, and an increase in the amount of fines for either willful or reckless violation. It also would require the identification of a designated public records officer, and the establishment of procedures for making a public records request which must be posted. It also would expand circumstances in which an award of attorneys' fees may be made. Judiciary

**S-2585 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE** (Pichardo & Goodwin) This act would require that a mortgagee, after an individual consumer mortgagor's delinquency commences, provide written notice within 45 days to the clerk or recorder of deeds of the city/town in which the property is located. Counseling between the mortgagor and mortgagee is mandatory, and must be provided by a HUD-approved independent counseling agency. This requirement must be complied with prior to acceptance and recording in the land evidence records. Judiciary

**S-2589 PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY** (Perry & Others) This act would broaden the definition of persons eligible to marry to include persons of the same gender. This act also would provide that members of the clergy would not be required to officiate at any particular marriage. Judiciary

**S-2656 PERMITS AND APPROVALS: EXPIRATION PERIODS** (Maselli & Tassoni) This act would clarify the meaning of the term "tolling" as it pertains to any approval or permit issued by the state or local agencies. It would mean the suspension or temporary stopping of the running of any applicable periods. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2722 INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS** (Crowley & Others) This resolution would welcome the Region I International Institute of Municipal Clerks to the State of Rhode Island. Immediate Consideration

**S-2759 VITAL RECORDS** (Perry & Others) This act would give the Division of Vital Records the responsibility to establish and maintain the "adoptee vital records file". New language is added regarding procedures for obtaining information contained in the "adoptee vital records file", including the opportunity for a "no release form" to be filed. Health & Human Services

**S-2760 BIRTH CERTIFICATES: ADOPTED PERSONS** (Walaska & Bates) This act would allow adult adoptees or their representatives to obtain an uncertified copy of their original birth certificate. The birth parents will complete a contact preference form and a medical history form which must be attached to the original birth certificate. Health & Human Services

**S-2761 BAIL PROPERTY LIENS** (McCaffrey) This act would require a fee of \$10 to record or discharge recognizance notices or liens recorded by bailbondsmen. Judiciary



## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**H-7060 EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES** (Pacheco & Newberry) This act would require public utilities to be responsible for any cost incurred by municipal corporations associated with the temporary or permanent relocation of utility infrastructure during public works projects within municipal rights of way. Corporations

**H-7084 GAMING CONTROL AND REVENUE ACT** (Jacquard & Others) This act would repeal the "Rhode Island Gaming Control and Revenue Act". Casino gambling would now be included in the term 'gambling', and would be regulated by Chapter 41-9 entitled "Establishment and Extension of Gambling Activities and Other Facilities". Finance

**H-7153 SMOKING BARS** (Segal & Baldelli-Hunt) This act would provide that no "smoking bar", as defined in the "Public Health and Workplace Safety Act", shall be permitted in any building in which people reside. H.E.W.

**H-7160 FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL FEES** (Gemma & Fox) This act would prevent the Public Utilities Commission from requiring the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any city/town that has prohibited these fees by enactment of an ordinance. Municipal Government

**H-7277 JUDGMENTS AGAINST CITIES OR TOWNS** (Gemma & Others) This act would not allow prejudgment interest for damages against the state, cities/towns or governmental employees in civil actions, and would provide for the calculation of post judgment interest at the rate of 12% commencing 4 weeks after the date the judgment was entered. Judiciary

**H-7278 TORT LIABILITY RESTRICTIONS: TOWNS, CITY OR FIRE DISTRICTS** (Gemma & Others) This act would allow lawsuits against city, town or fire district officials or employees in their individual capacities if their acts or omissions were not performed within the scope of their employment or involved actual fraud or malice or willful misconduct. Judiciary

**H-7300 SIDEWALKS AND CURBS** (Kennedy & Others) This act would require the Director of the Department of Transportation to adopt regulations which set standards for city/town construction and maintenance of sidewalks and curbs. These standards would require the installation of curb cuts and/or ramps at both ends of any pedestrian crosswalk. Municipal Government

**H-7319 DOGS** (Gemma & Others) This act would provide guidelines and penalties for any person who keeps a dog outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced or otherwise confined without adequate shelter from the elements, and also would add definitions of "proper food", "proper veterinary care" and "shelter for dog" to the chapter entitled "Cruelty to Animals". Judiciary

**H-7322 VICIOUS DOGS** (Serpa & Others) This act would add the executive director of the defenders of animals or his/her designee to the hearing panel that decides whether a dog should be declared vicious. Judiciary

**H-7345 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRIVACY ACT** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any state or local government agency to deny any individual any right, benefit or privilege provided by law because of an individual's refusal to disclose a social security number. Judiciary

**H-7351 PREVAILING WAGES** (Edwards & Others) This act would make the awarding authority of a public works contract only responsible that the contract contain provisions requiring payment of prevailing wages, and not responsible for following the progress of the contract nor enforcing its provisions. Labor

**H-7364 EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES** (San Bento) This act would make various and substantial amendments to Chapter 39-1.2 entitled "Excavation Near Underground Utility Facilities". These amendments would include application of these regulations to "private utility facilities", and an extensive section on premarking requirements. Corporations

**H-7371 INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Ehrhardt & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

**H-7390 ADVERSE POSSESSION** (Newberry & Others) This act would exempt land held by nonprofit corporations for cemetery purposes from adverse possession or prescription. Judiciary

**H-7419 LIBRARIES** (Hearn) This act would place the Office of Library and Information Services under the direction of a Chief Library Officer rather than a Chief Information Officer. It also would replace the Cooperating Libraries Automated Network (CLAN) with Ocean State Libraries (OSL). H.E.W.

**H-7426 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Fellela & Others) This act would expand the scope of the provisions against unnecessary cruelty to animals. Judiciary

**H-7480 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Serpa & Melo) This act would expand the scope of the provisions against unnecessary cruelty to animals. Judiciary

**H-7536 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS: POLICE COST** (Newberry & Driver) This act would relieve municipalities of the requirement of deducting and retaining from the price of construction contracts an additional sum to pay the costs of municipal police traffic control on any public works project. Municipal Government

**H-7553 PETROLEUM MARINE TERMINALS** (San Bento & Others) This act would impose special requirements on a local relocation agency seeking to acquire a petroleum marine terminal for public use including providing an alternative marine terminal site. Environment & Natural Resources

- H-7636 BIWEEKLY PAYMENT OF SALARIES** (Baldelli-Hunt & Brien) This act would require that municipal employees and officers be paid biweekly. Municipal Government
- H-7682 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS** (Fierro & Others) This act would require all contractors and their subcontractors bidding on public works projects to provide a certification that all workers are covered by current workers' compensation coverage. Labor
- H-7753 SALE OR ADOPTION OF CATS** (Melo & Others) This act would impose a fine of \$300 on any entity offering unspayed or unneutered cats for sale or adoption, unless specifically offered for breeding purposes. Judiciary
- H-7769 PREVENTION OF FARM ANIMAL CRUELTY** (Driver & Others) This act would prohibit the cruel confinement of farm animals in a manner that does not allow them to turn around freely, to lie down, to stand up, and to fully extend their limbs. Judiciary
- H-7777 TORT LIABILITY** (Watson) This act would add language to the limitation of damages provisions of the general laws that caps damages at \$100,000 in tort actions against employees, agents, or departments of cities/towns and fire districts. Judiciary
- H-7805 PREVAILING WAGES** (Watson) This act would eliminate the overtime provisions for hours worked over 8 hours in any one day for prevailing wage work. It would preserve the "over 40 hour" work week overtime provisions. Labor
- H-7807 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS** (Marcello & Others) This act would provide that each bidder prior to the award of a contract for public works would submit to the proper authority a list of subcontractors. This is a change from the current language that specifies submission after the award of the contract. Labor
- H-7852 RHODE ISLAND CASINO GAMING ACT** (Lima) This act would establish, pursuant to voter referendum, a destination-style casino resort within Rhode Island, and would provide a mechanism for a transparent, competitive bidding process. It also provides for procedures to be followed in order to be eligible as a host community for a casino. Finance
- H-7881 MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS** (Carnevale & Others) This act establishes a classification system for determining whether the state or cities/towns are responsible for repairing or maintaining various types of roadways. Finance
- H-7885 ALTERATION OF ROADWAYS** (Slater & Others) This act would amend the section of the general laws entitled "Alteration of roadways" by adding language expanding responsibility to include "open, cut, or otherwise excavate in" a roadway. The act also creates a specific schedule for restoration activities to occur. Municipal Government
- H-7887 FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL FEES** (Almeida & Others) This act would prevent the Public Utilities Commission from requiring the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any city/town that has prohibited fees by enactment of an ordinance. Municipal Government

**H-7943 AMTRAK LIABILITY** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would empower the Rhode Island Public Rail Corporation to defend, indemnify and save harmless the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) for all damages and personal liability for personal injury or property damage incurred due to the existence of any road or bridge owned or used by the State of Rhode Island or any municipality of the state that is located on or above Amtrak's Northeast Corridor rail line. Corporations

**H-8030 WORKPLACE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING ACT** (DaSilva & Pollard) This act would create the "Standards for Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Act". Employers who choose to conduct drug or alcohol testing of job applicants or persons already employed would be governed by the provisions of this act, and any rules promulgated pursuant thereto. Police officers would be subject to the provisions of this act as would other employees of political subdivisions. Labor

**H-8031 MUNICIPAL WATER METER REPLACEMENT** (Almeida & Carnevale) This act would relieve municipalities and water districts from the requirement of hiring only licensed plumbers to replace water heaters. Municipal Government

**H-8066 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE** (Lima & Others) This act would require mandatory public disclosure and transparency with respect to business dealings regarding the state's gaming facilities by any elected official, state agency, employee of the state or local government, commission or other public official. Finance

**H-8076 MUNICIPAL WATER METER REPLACEMENT** (Jackson & Others) This act would relieve municipalities and water districts from the requirement of hiring only licensed plumbers to replace water meters. Labor

**S-2022 DOGS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would provide guidelines and penalties for any person who keeps a dog outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced or otherwise confined without adequate shelter from the elements, and also would add definitions of "proper food", "proper water", "proper veterinary care" and "shelter for a dog" to the Chapter entitled "Cruelty to Animals". Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2023 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would expand the scope of the provisions against unnecessary cruelty to animals. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2026 VICIOUS DOGS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would add the executive director of the defenders of animals or his/her designee to the hearing panel that decides whether a dog should be declared vicious. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2027 WILD ANIMALS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would prohibit the ownership of alligators, crocodiles, pythons and boa constrictors. Ownership shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$1,000. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2031      MOTORCYCLES: DESIGNATED PARKING AT PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

(Tassoni & Others) This act would require the state and municipalities to provide designated specific parking spaces for motorcycles at public buildings. The Department of Transportation would provide the signs to the cities/towns. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2041      INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Raptakis & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

**S-2044      DESECRATION OF GRAVES** (Tassoni & Others) This act would increase the fines to \$5,000 for the defacing of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument or any other public statue, monument or gravesite, and would provide for full restitution of the cost of the damages incurred. Judiciary

**S-2133      SIDEWALKS AND CURBS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require the Director of the Department of Transportation to adopt regulations which set standards for city/town construction and maintenance of sidewalks and curbs. These standards would require the installation of curb cuts and/or ramps at both ends of any pedestrian crosswalk. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2181A      LIBRARIES** (Bates & Gallo) This act would place the Office of Library and Information Services under the direction of a Chief of Library Services rather than a Chief Information Officer. It also would replace the Cooperating Libraries Automated Network (CLAN) with Ocean State Libraries (OSL). Education

**S-2204      SMOKING BARS** (Perry & Others) This act would provide that no "smoking bar", as defined in the "Public Health and Workplace Safety Act", shall be permitted in any building in which people reside. Health & Human Services

**S-2224      SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRIVACY ACT** (Perry & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any state or local government agency to deny any individual any right, benefit or privilege provided by law because of an individual's refusal to disclose a social security number. Judiciary

**S-2243      CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Lynch & Others) This act would expand the scope of the provisions against unnecessary cruelty to animals. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2246      RABIES VACCINATION** (Tassoni) This act would repeal the current exemption from the compulsory rabies vaccination requirement which exists for dogs and cats that are only briefly in the state for exhibition or breeding purposes. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2249      SALE OR ADOPTION OF CATS** (DeVall & Others) This act would impose a fine of \$300 on any entity offering non-spayed or non-neutered cats for sale or adoption. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2253 AUTHORIZATION TO IMPOUND CATS** (Tassoni & Maselli) This act would add language to now obligate animal control officers to impound roaming or feral cats, and to obligate animal shelters to accept them for impoundment and proper disposal. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

**S-2268 INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Sheehan & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

**S-2269 DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION** (Levesque) This act redefines the criteria for certification as a "qualified business" under the "Distressed Areas Economic Revitalization Act". Finance

**S-2279 COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING** (Tassoni & Maselli) This act would give priority to bidders on municipal contracts whose businesses are owned/operated and located in Rhode Island, if their bids are up to 3% higher than the lowest bid or the lowest evaluated or responsive bid. Finance

**S-2300 ADVERSE POSSESSION** (Tassoni) This act would exempt land held by nonprofit corporations for cemetery purposes from adverse possession or prescription. Judiciary

**S-2349 TORT LIABILITY** (Bates) This act would add language to the limitation of damages provisions of the general laws that caps damages at \$100,000 in tort actions against employees, agents or departments of cities/towns and fire districts. Judiciary

**S-2358 PUBLIC WORKS: APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would provide that, prior to bidding on public works projects valued at \$1,000,000 or more, all general contractors and subcontractors have an approved indentured apprenticeship program with the Department of Labor and Training for all licensed and unlicensed work to be performed. Labor

**S-2368 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would require all contractors and their subcontractors bidding on public works projects to provide a certification that all workers are covered by current workers' compensation coverage. Labor

**S-2370 HISTORIC STRUCTURES – TAX CREDIT** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would make amounts expended for "qualified rehabilitation expenditures" over \$1,000 subject to the prevailing wages requirement of public work projects. Labor

**S-2372 PREVAILING WAGES** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would require contractors and subcontractors who are awarded contracts for public works projects to furnish a copy of the Department of Labor and Training certified weekly payroll records form to the appointing authority on a monthly basis. It would also delete the requirement that it applies only to contracts in excess of \$1000. Labor

**S-2373 CONTRACTORS: HEALTH CARE BENEFITS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would prohibit contractors and subcontractors on public works projects from making payment of the cash equivalent of any applicable health care benefit directly to their employees in lieu of actually purchasing the health care benefits for said employee for the applicable time period. Labor

**S-2378 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would expand the definition of "public works" to include projects of any nature paid for in whole or in part out of public funds. It also would increase the contract price level from in excess of \$1,000 to in excess of \$50,000, at which level the contractor would now be required to pay employees on a weekly basis. Labor

**S-2473 EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES** (Fogarty & Others) This act would require public utilities to be responsible for any costs incurred by municipal corporations associated with the temporary or permanent relocation of utility infrastructure during public works projects within municipal rights-of-way. Corporations

**S-2554 ALTERATION OF ROADWAYS** (Perry & Others) This act would amend the section of the general laws entitled "Alteration of roadways" by adding language expanding responsibility to include "open, cut, or otherwise excavate in" a roadway. The act also creates a specific schedule for restoration activities to occur. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2556 MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS** (Goodwin & Others) This act establishes a classification system for determining whether the state or cities/towns are responsible for repairing or maintaining various types of roadways. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2557 METROPOLITAN PUBLIC WORKS DISTRICTS** (Jabour & Others) This act would authorize the creation of a Metropolitan Public Works District to consist of the cities of Providence, East Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls and Cranston, and the towns of Johnston and North Providence. This authorization also would extend to any group of cities/towns. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2563 OPEN MEETINGS: NOTICE** (Picard & Connors) This act would provide a definition for a "newspaper of general circulation" as it pertains to notice required to be given under the "Open Meetings" law. Judiciary

**S-2569 PETROLEUM MARINE TERMINALS** (Walaska & Others) This act would impose special requirements on a local relocation agency seeking to acquire a petroleum marine terminal for public use including providing an alternative marine terminal site. Corporations

**S-2574 FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL FEES** (Pichardo) This act would prevent the Public Utilities Commission from requiring the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any city/town that has prohibited fees by enactment of an ordinance. Finance

**S-2594 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS** (DiPalma & Others) This act would provide that each bidder prior to an award of a contract for public works would submit to the proper authority a list of subcontractors. This is a change from the current language that specifies submission after the award of the contract. Labor

**S-2604 PREVAILING WAGES** (Cicccone & Ruggerio) This act would require contractors and subcontractors who are awarded contracts for public works projects to furnish a copy of the Department of Labor and Training certified weekly payroll records form to the awarding authority on a monthly basis. Awarding authorities, contractors and subcontractors must provide all payroll records within 10 business days of a request by the Director of the Department of Labor and Training. Labor

**S-2605 PREVAILING WAGES** (Cicccone & Ruggerio) This act would require contractors and subcontractors to obtain the applicable prevailing wage rate schedule and posters containing prevailing rates of wage from the Department of Labor and Training's website. Labor

**S-2608 PREVAILING WAGES** (Cicccone & Ruggerio) This act would eliminate the overtime provisions for hours worked over 8 hours in any one day for prevailing wage work. It would preserve the "over 40 hour" work week overtime provisions. Labor

**S-2622 UTILITY POLES** (Maselli & Others) This act would require utility companies to complete transfer of wires and removal of existing poles within 3 months of the date of installation of new poles. A fine would be assessed for violation on a per diem basis that would be payable to the city/town where the poles are located. Corporations

**S-2737 LOCAL ROADS** (Levesque) This act would create the Rhode Island Highway Maintenance and Public Transit Trust Fund through the imposition of certain surcharges and various taxes on companies dealing with petroleum products. 15% of the funds collected would be used for maintenance and repair of local roads with funds allocated to cities/towns on a pro rata basis according to miles of local roads within the respective city/town. Finance

**S-2744 LOCAL ROADS** (DiPalma) This act would create the Rhode Island Highway Maintenance and Public Transit Trust Fund through the imposition of certain surcharges and various taxes on companies dealing with petroleum products. 15% of the funds collected would be used for maintenance and repair of local roads with funds allocated to cities/towns on a pro rata basis according to miles of local roads within the respective city/town. Finance

**S-2749 STATE ROADS** (Goodwin) This act would amend the definition of what constitutes "state roads" in Chapter 24-8 entitled "Construction and Maintenance of State Roads" by removing the exception for urban minor arterials located in the specifically mentioned 8 cities in the state. Housing & Municipal Government



**S-2775 GOVERNMENT CONTRACT PROCUREMENT ASSISTANCE** (Sosnowski & Felag) This act would establish within the Economic Development Corporation an expanded program to assist Rhode Island companies to secure new business with federal, state and local governments. Corporations

**S-2789A AMTRAK LIABILITY** (Crowley & Others) This act would empower the Rhode Island Public Rail Corporation to defend, indemnify and save harmless the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and third parties for all claims and liabilities for personal injury or property damage incurred due to the existence of any road, bridge or appurtenance owned or used by the State of Rhode Island or any municipality of the state that is located on or above the centerline of Amtrak's rail line. Housing & Municipal Government

### **SPECIAL ACTS for CITIES & TOWNS**

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**S-2025 Authority to Issue Class A Liquor Licenses**

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**H-8051 Property Tax Exemption / Disabled Persons – Two-Family Homes**  
**H-8052 Elderly Tax Exemption – Criteria Amended**

**S-2101 Elimination of Live Dog Racing**  
**S-2104 Dog Ordinances – Licensing Fees / Penalties for Violations**  
**S-2120 Property Taxation of Electricity Generating Facilities–Tax Determination**  
**S-2772 Harrisville Fire District – Celebration of Centennial**  
**S-2807 Pascoag Utility District – Charter Amendments**  
**S-2970 Property Tax Exemption / Disabled Persons – Two-Family Homes**  
**S-2971 Elderly Tax Exemption – Criteria Amended**

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### **NARRAGANSETT**

- H-7455 Authorization to Adopt Homestead Exemption  
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### **NEW SHOREHAM**

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H-8212 Bonds - \$30,000,000 – Construction of Elementary School  
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### **NORTH KINGSTOWN**

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<b>S-2570</b>	<b>Economic Development Projects – Conformity to Comprehensive Plan</b>
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<b>S-2892</b>	<b>Property Exemot from Taxation-Crossroads R.I./Kingstown Crossings</b>
<b>S-2965</b>	<b>Bonds - \$9,200,000 – Sewers / Sewerage Systems</b>
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### **NORTH SMITHFIELD**

<b>H-7121</b>	<b>Establishment of Municipal Court</b>
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<b>H-8188</b>	<b>Lease Obligations - \$3,620,000 – Energy Saving School Improvements</b>
<b>S-2049</b>	<b>Establishment of Municipal Court</b>
<b>S-2953</b>	<b>Lease Obligations - \$3,620,000 – Energy Saving School Improvements</b>
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### **PAWTUCKET**

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<b>H-7458</b>	<b>Local Ballot Questions – Mailed to Households of Registered Voters</b>
<b>H-7866</b>	<b>Allocation of Fines – Violations for Crossing the Pawtucket River Bridge</b>
<b>H-7880</b>	<b>Allocation of Fines – Violations for Crossing the Pawtucket River Bridge</b>
<b>H-8131</b>	<b>Bonds - \$3,000,000 – Renovation of Public School Buildings</b>
<b>H-8132</b>	<b>Bonds - \$200,000 – Traffic Control Devices</b>
<b>H-8133</b>	<b>Bonds - \$300,000 – Sewer and Sanitation System</b>
<b>H-8134</b>	<b>Bonds - \$1,000,000 – Streets and Sidewalks</b>
<b>H-8135</b>	<b>Bonds - \$600,000 – Public Recreation Facilities</b>
<b>H-8136</b>	<b>Bonds - \$200,000 – Reconstruction of Bridges</b>
<b>H-8137</b>	<b>Bonds - \$700,000 – Renovation of Public Buildings</b>
<b>H-8171</b>	<b>Weight Restrictions on Route 15 – Armistice Boulevard</b>
<b>S-2448</b>	<b>Local Ballot Questions – Mailed to Households of Registered Voters</b>
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<b>S-2875</b>	<b>Bonds - \$1,000,000 – Streets and Sidewalks</b>
<b>S-2876</b>	<b>Bonds - \$300,000 – Sewer and Sanitation System</b>
<b>S-2877</b>	<b>Bonds - \$700,000 – Renovation of Public Buildings</b>
<b>S-2878</b>	<b>Bonds - \$600,000 – Public Recreation Facilities</b>
<b>S-2881</b>	<b>Bonds - \$3,000,000 – Renovation of Public School Buildings</b>
<b>S-2891</b>	<b>Bonds - \$200,000 – Reconstruction of Bridges</b>
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- H-7122      Election of School Committee Members**
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- H-7249      Providence Water Supply Board – Alteration of Roadways**
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- H-7584      Authority to Establish “Old Downtown Historic District”**
- H-7673      Furnishing of Nomination Papers to Candidates**
- H-7740      Transfer of Certain Interstate Route 195 Property**
- H-7882      Bonds - \$22,338,000 – Public Buildings Authority / Public Schools**
- H-7884      Tax Classification - \$250 Tax Credit to Certain Property Owners**
- H-7887      Fire Hydrant Rental Fees – Responsibility of Ratepayer**
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- S-2499      Transfer of Certain Interstate Route 195 Property**
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- S-2574      Fire Hydrant Rental Fees – Responsibility of Ratepayer**
- S-2618A    Authority to Exempt Class B License Holder from Proximity Provision**
- S-2670      Tax Classification - \$250 Tax Credit to Certain Property Owners**
- S-2745      Charging of Interest on Unpaid Quarterly Tax Bills**
- S-2756      Authority to Establish “Old Downtown Historic District”**
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- S-2826      Bonds - \$3,200,000 – Acquisition of Open Space at 25 India Street**
- S-2979      Special Property Tax Consideration Extended for 5 Years**
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